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GENERAL APPROACH

Two Over One: Game Forcing Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid
VERY LIGHT: Openings 3rd Hand Overcalls Preempts
FORCING OPENING: 1♣ 2♣ Natural 2 Bids Other

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT
15 to 17
to
5-card Major common System on over X, 2♣
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ **Transfer to ♥** **4♦, 4♥ Transfer**
Forcing Stayman **Smolen**
2♥ **Transfer to ♠** **Lebensohl** (**Fast denies**)
2♠ -> ♣; 3C=fit **Neg. Double** 2/3 level
2NT -> ♦; 3D=fit **Other:** _____

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby **Texas**
3♠ 5xS + 4xH _____

3NT **Gamb** to _____
Conventional NT Openings
Delayed Texas Tfr

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5
1st/2nd
3rd/4th

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. **Weak**
After Overcall: Force Inv. **Weak**
Conv. Raise: **2NT** **3NT** **Splinter**
Other: **Bergen; On X** _____
1NT: **Forcing** **Semi-forcing**
2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
3NT: 13-15 to 333/4
Drury ; **Reverse** **2-Way** **Fit**
Other: **(2C only) ON over X** _____

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 **NF** 0-2 **Conv.**
1♣
1♦

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. **Weak**
After Overcall: Force Inv. **Weak**
Forcing Raise: **J/S in other minor**
Single raise **Other: Limit** _____
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ 6 to 10
2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
3NT: 13 to 15
Other: **J/S om = GF; J/S to M=strong**

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: **Penalty** _____
Negative thru 4♥
Responsive : thru 3♠ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2♥ **Redbl**
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv. **Sandwich NT (PH)** _____
Balancing: m 11-14 to M 12-16
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
Conv. _____

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: **Meckwell** _____
2♣ **C + Major** _____
2♦ **D + Major** _____
2♥ **Hearts** _____
2♠ **Spades** _____
Dbl: **minor or MM** _____
Other 2NT=minors _____

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 16 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style
Responses
New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
Cue=LR;

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong **Intermediate** **Weak**

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
3/4-bids
Conv./Resp. _____

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
Natural
Strong T/O
Michaels

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1 level 2 level
Jump Shift: Forcing Inv. Weak
Redouble implies no fit
2NT Over **Limit+** **Limit** **Weak**
Majors
Minors
Other 2NT=Nat (Bergen ON)

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♥ **Penalty**
Conv. Takeout: **4NT=2 suits** _____
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: **oM after Reverse=weak** _____

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
Minorwood, Gerber 1430 min/max 4NT = KC Hearts

Q ask-lowest K; Non-serious 3NT; Exclusion
vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5 of trump suit+ ROPI

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits versus Notrump
(X)X **x(x)x X** **(X)X** **x(x)x x**
(X)x X **x(x)x X x** **(X)x x** **x(x)x X x**
(A)K x **(T)9 x** **(A)(K)J x** **(A)(Q)J x**
(K)Q x **(K)(J)T x** **(A)(J)T 9** **(A)(T)9 x**
(Q)J x **(K)(T)9 x** **(K)Q J x** **(K)(Q)T 9**
(J)T 9 **(Q)(T)9 x** **(Q)J T x** **(Q)(T)9 x**
(K)Q T 9 **(J)T 9 x** **(T)9 x x**

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
Ace - Power Lead Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT
Standard:
Except
Upside-Down:
count
attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK