



SPECIAL DOUBLES

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

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
 Conv. _____
 Balancing: 11 to 14
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
 Conv. (Sys On) Transfer Rescue

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GENERAL APPROACH

2 over 1
 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 _____

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 to 16 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Direct _____ Balancing _____
 2♣ ♦ or MM
 2♦ ♥ or black
 2♥ ♠ or mm
 2♠ ♣ or red
 Dbl: W:Pen;S:=2♠ m or MM
 Other 2NT: ♠+♥ or ♦+♠
 Applies vs Strong and Weak

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♠ >♣ (3♣ sa) Neg. Double @3level
 2NT >♦ (3♦ sa) Other: _____

2NT 20 to 21
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby Texas
 3♠ N/A
 3NT: natural, to play
 3NT _____ to _____
 gambling no A/K

Conventional NT Openings

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak
 2M > 4m: Leaping 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 FSJ (Fit-Showing Jumps)

OPENING PREEMPTS

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

MAJOR OPENING

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

MINOR OPENING

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

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splitter
 Other: 3♣=4CM, 3♦=3CM

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
 Single raise Other: G/F*: xx/xx=limit
 Frequently bypass 4+♦ *rebd shrt
 1NT/1♣ 6 to 10
 2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Other: 2♥:5♠4♥4-7; 2♠ const (off oX)

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels
 Michaels/Unusual NT

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♥ Penalty
 Conv. Takeout: _____
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other: _____

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 Lower-ranking suit: DIFS/RIFS Gerber (0/4-123) Specific Kings
 Higher-ranking suit: DEPO Minorwood (1430) Exclusion (0123)
 vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: _____ 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

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT
 Standard:
 Except
 Upside-Down: _____
 count
 attitude
FIRST DISCARD
 Lavinthal
 Odd/Even

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo Reverse
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

vs NT: A/Q: Attitude, K=Unblock/Count

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK