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**GENERAL APPROACH**

2/1 Game Force

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  Weak Twos

**NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS**

1NT 15 to 17  
to  
5-card Major common   
System on over Dbl/2♣  
2♣ Stayman  Puppet   
2♦ Transfer to ♥  4♦, 4♥ Transfer  /2NT  
Forcing Stayman  Smolen  Over 2NT  
2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl  (Fast denies)  
2♠ To play  Neg. Double   
2NT Invitational  Other: Bids after 2♣ = Inv

2NT 20 to 21  
Puppet Stayman   
Transfer Responses:  
Jacoby  Texas   
3♠ Minor slam try

3NT Solid to Minor  
Gambling, no side A/K

Conventional NT Openings

**MAJOR OPENING**

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

**RESPONSES**

Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
Conv. Raise: 2NT  3NT  Splinter   
Other: 1♥-2♠ & 1♠-3♣  
1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing   
2NT: Forcing  Inv.  13 to 15  
3NT: 16 to 17  
Drury  Reverse  2-Way  Fit   
Other: 2M = Weakest response

**MINOR OPENING**

Expected Min. Length 4 3 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: 1♠-2♦; 1♦-2♠  
Frequently bypass 4+♦   
1NT/1♣ 6 to 10  
2NT Forcing  Inv.  11 to 12  
3NT: 13 to 15  
Other 1m-2♥ = 5♠+4♥ <inv

**SPECIAL DOUBLES**

After Overcall: Penalty   
Negative  thru 4♠  
Responsive  : thru 4♠ Maximal   
Support: Dbl.  thru 2♠ Redbl   
Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O   
Comp, Snapdragon, Tolerance XX

**NOTRUMP OVERCALLS**

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on   
Conv.  2-Way Stayman: 2C/2X  
Balancing: 12 to 16  
Jump to 2NT: Minors  2Lowest   
Conv.  Minors if 1m=<3

**DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP**

vs: Strong Weak/Mini  
2♣ 4+♣ & 5M Both majors  
2♦ 4+♦ & 5M 1 Major  
2♥ 4♥ & 5+m ♥ & m  
2♠ 4♠ & 5+m ♠ & m  
Dbl: M+M or 1 suit Penalties  
Other Pass/Correct responses  
in potential suits only

**SIMPLE OVERCALL**

1 level 7 to 18 HCP (usually)  
often 4 cards  very light style   
Responses  
New Suit: Forcing  NF Const  NF   
Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak   
Rosler Cue-bids; Fit jumps

**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    
Nat if 1m = <3, 2Red jump = Majors

**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 Jump shift = Fit; 2♣ = Raise

**VS Opening Preempts Double Is**

Takeout  thru 4♠ Penalty   
Conv. Takeout: Leaping Michaels  
Lebensohl 2NT Response   
Other:

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430

Most 5NT = Pick a slam

RKCB Continuations: 5NT asks specific kings; Trump Q asks

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)  
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(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   
Trump suit preference Attitude vs NT   
A asks attitude; K asks unblock (NT) or count

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 Rev.    
Trump Suit Pref.    
Foster Echo

**SPECIAL CARDING**

**PLEASE ASK**