

**SPECIAL DOUBLES**

After Overcall: **Penalty**   
 Negative  thru **4S**  
 Responsive  thru **4D** Maximal   
 Support: Dbl.  thru Redbl   
 Card-showing  Min. Offshape T-O   
 Other **Snapdragon**

**NOTRUMP OVERCALLS**

Direct 1NT: **15 to 18** / NF-opening  
 Systems on **1m**  
 Balancing 1NT: **11-14 / m, 12-16 / M**  
 sys. on, range-Stayman / M  
 Jump to 2NT: **Suits above & below**  
 Other **(2M)-2NT: 3-suit transfers**

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**GENERAL APPROACH**

**2/1 GF: nebulous-2C response, Schuler-Shift rebid**  
**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: **7 to 17** HCP (usually)  
 often 4 cards  very-light style   
**Responses**  
 New Suit: Forcing  NFConst  NF   
 Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak   
 Other **2NT / 1M = 4-card LR**  
**Jump-cue = mixed or GF raise**

**DEFENCE to NOTRUMP**

vs: **strong (14+)** **weak**

Dbl	H + other	penalty
2♣	S + other	H + other
2♦	D	S + other
2♥	H	H
2♠	S	S
2NT	C + D	C + D

**NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS**

**1NT 15 to 17**  
 3♣ → D (wk | strong)  
 3♦ 5-5 minors GF  
 3♥ } stiff, 3 x oM  
 3♠ }  
 5-card Major common   
 Sys. on over: X, 2C, 2N, 3C  
 2♣ Stayman  Puppet  2nd-round transfers  
 2♦ Transfer to ♥  4♦, 4♥ Transfer   
**Forcing Stayman**,  Smolen  Baze  
 2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl  (denies)  
 2♠ → C Neg. Double  → 3S  
 2NT natural inv. Other Rubensohl

**2NT 20 to 22-**  
 Puppet Stayman   
 3C = Stayman or C  
 Smolen  
**Transfer Responses:**  
 Jacoby  Texas   
 3♠ minors or D  
**3NT 3rd, 4th = to play**

**JUMP OVERCALL**

**Strong**  **Intermediate**  **Weak**   
 V vs NV ↙ ↘  
 Other **Lowest JO = next two suits**

**OVER OPP'S T-O DOUBLE**

New-Suit Forcing: 1 level  2 level   
 Jump Shift: F  Inv.  Weak  Fit   
 m → om = LR+, M → oM = mixed-R  
 Redbl implies no fit  Transfer Resp.   
**2NT Over: Limit+ Limit Weak**  
 Majors     
 Minors     
 Other **3NT = fit, 2C = constr.-raise**

**Conventional NT Openings**  
 3NT in 1st or 2nd  
 = solid minor

**OPENING PREEMPTS**

Sound Light Very Light  
 3/4-bids  V  NV   
 Conv. Resp. **4C [4D / C] = KC ask**

**DEFENCE to PREEMPTS**

Double: Takeout  thru **4S** Penalty   
 Lebensohl 2NT Response  vs 2M  
 Conv. Takeout: **4NT = 2-suiter**  
 Other **Leaping Michaels, NLM**

**MAJOR OPENING**

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

**MINOR OPENING**

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

**RESPONSES**

Double Raise: **Force**  Inv.  **Weak**   
 After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
**1H - (1S) - 3H** ↙ ↘  
 Conv. Raise: 2NT  3NT  Splinter   
 Other **1H-2S = GF · 1H-2NT = mixed-R**  
**1NT: Forcing 11S Semi-forcing 11H**  
 2NT: Forcing  Inv.  minors by PH  
 3NT: **16 to 17 3-3-(3-4)**  
 Drury: 2♣  2♦  In comp.  X, 1S  
 Other **JS to 3 = nat. 6-8 (UnPH)**

**RESPONSES**

5-7  
 Double Raise: **Force**  Inv.  **Weak**   
 After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
 Forcing Raise: **JS in other minor**   
 Single raise  GF Other 2S = 8-11  
 Freq. bypass 4♦  Transfer Resp.   
 1NT/1♣: **6 to 10**  
 2NT: Forcing  Inv.  **13 to 15 (18+)**  
 3NT: **16 to 17 · 2H = 11-12 bal.**  
 Other **JS to other minor = nat. inv.**  
**PH: nat. raises, JS = fit-showing**

**SLAM CONVENTIONS**

Gerber  Cheap KC ConFit  
 vs Interference: DOPI  below 5T

4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430   
 Exclusion specific Kings  
 DEPO  ROPI  ignore doubles

**LEADS**

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
⊙ K x	T 9 x	⊙ K J x	A ⊙ J x
K Q x	K J T x	A J ⊙ 9	A T ⊙ x
Q J x	K T 9 x	K ⊙ J x	⊙ Q T 9
J T 9	Q T 9 x	Q ⊙ T x	Q T ⊙ x
K Q T 9		J ⊙ 9 x	T ⊙ x x

A K ⊙ x  
 K = power

**DEFENSIVE CARDING**

vs SUITS vs NT

**Attitude:**  
 standard    
 upside-down

**Count:**  
 standard    
 upside-down

**FIRST DISCARD**  
 Lavinthal    
 Odd/Even    
 upside-down att.

**LENGTH LEADS**

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

**OTHER CARDING**

Smith Echo    
 rev. by leader  
 Trump Suit Pref.

**SPECIAL CARDING****DESCRIBE**

**2♣** Very Strong  Other   
 2♦ Resp: Neg.  Waiting   
**2♦** 18 to 19 HCP balanced  
 Natural  Conv.   
**2♥** } 5 to 10 HCP  
 Natural  Conv.   
**2♠** } Often 5 cards in 3rd NV

**RESPONSES & REBIDS**

**2S [3C] = one-loser red [black] suit**  
 3D, 3H, 3S, 4C = transfer to solid suit  
 3M rebid = D + M  
**2H → 2S, 2S → 2NT**  
 Stayman, transfers, ...  
**2NT Force**   
 New Suit NF  vs overcall  
 suit = lead directing vs dble

**OTHER CONV. CALLS:** New Minor Forcing  PH 2-Way NMF  unPH  
 Weak Jump-Shifts: In Comp.  after our 1m opening Not in comp.  1M  
**4th-Suit Forcing:** 1-Round  Game  · Dead-NT Def · Curly Cue  
**After we balance:** unbid minor = rev. Drury · Mathe vs strong 1C  
**Vs overcall:** 2oM = NF, 3oM = GF, JS to minor = fit showing  
**Vs 2-suit overcall:** lo cue = 4th suit inv.+, hi cue = LR+