

**SPECIAL DOUBLES**  
 After Overcall: Penalty   
 Negative  thru 4S  
 Responsive:  thru 4S Maximal   
 Support: Dbl  thru 2M Rdbl   
 Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O   
 Snapdragon > 3S

**SIMPLE OVERCALL**  
 1-level 7 to 18 HCP (usually)  
 Often 4 cards  Very light style   
**Responses**  
 New Suit: Forcing  NFConst  NF   
 Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak   
 Jump Q=Mixed, Fit Jumps, 2N=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     
 Ghestern/ 1M

**SLAM CONVENTIONS** Gerber  4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430   
 XKCB, D1P2, RiP2.

vs. Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level: trump suit+ ROPI

**LEADS** (click card led, if not in bold)  
 versus Suits versus Notrump  

<b>x</b> x	x x <b>x</b> x	<b>x</b> x	x <b>x</b> x
<b>x</b> x <b>x</b>	x x <b>x</b> x	<b>x</b> x x	x <b>x</b> x x
<b>A</b> K x	10 <b>9</b> x	<b>A</b> K J x	A Q J x
K Q x	K J 10 x	A J 10 9	A 10 9 8
Q J x	K 10 9 x	K Q J x	K Q 10 9
J 10 x	Q 10 9 x	Q J 10 x	Q 10 9 8
K Q 10 9	J 10 9 x	10 9 8 x	

**Length Leads:**  
 4th Best vs Suits  vs NT   
 3rd/5th Best vs Suits  vs NT   
 Rev Smith vs NT Attitude vs NT

**DEFENSIVE CARDING**  
 Standard:    
 Except  2nd/4th > declarer

**FIRST DISCARD**  
 Lavinthal    
 Odd/Even

**OTHER CARDING**  
 Smith Echo    
 Trump Suit Pref.    
 Foster Echo

**SPECIAL CARDING**  PLEASE ASK

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**GENERAL APPROACH**  
 Strong Club  
 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 3♣ Inv \_\_\_\_\_ 2NT 21 to 22 \_\_\_\_\_  
 14 to 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 3♦ Inv \_\_\_\_\_ Puppet Stayman   
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 3♥ 3145, GF \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer Responses:  
 5-Card Major Common  3♠ 1345, GF \_\_\_\_\_ Jacoby  Texas   
 System On Over X and 2C \_\_\_\_\_ 3♠ Pups 3N \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♣ Stayman  Puppet  Baron Cor, 4S/5C=Tfr \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♦ Transfer to ♠  4♦, 4♥ Transfer  3NT \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Forcing Stayman  Smolen  Solid minor+A/K \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl  (Fast denies) \_\_\_\_\_ Conventional NT Openin  
 2♠ \_\_\_\_\_ Negative Double  \_\_\_\_\_  
 2NT Weak m/Str M \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**RESPONSES**  
 Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
 After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
 Conv. Raise: 2NT  3NT  Splinter   
 Other: 3cd=Inv \_\_\_\_\_  
 1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing   
 2NT: Forcing  Inv.  to \_\_\_\_\_  
 3NT: 17 to 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Drury : Reverse  2-Way  Fit   
 Other: 2S/3H=Limit (3+) \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSES**  
 Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
 After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor   
 Single raise  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Frequently bypass 4+♦   
 1NT/1♣: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 2NT: Forcing  Inv.  to \_\_\_\_\_  
 3NT: 17 to 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: 1C-ART resp, 1D-2hsn \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE**  
 2♣ 10 to 16 HCP 6+ Clubs, may have 4-other  
 Strong  Other   
 2♦ Response: Neg  Waiting

**RESPONSES/REBIDS**  
 2D/2N \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♣ 10 to 16 HCP Short Diam, 43 or 44 maj  
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv   
 3D=Ctrl Ask  
 2NT Force  New Suit NF   
 2♥ 3 to 9 HCP 6+ usually  
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv   
 OGUST  
 2NT Force  New Suit NF   
 2♠ 3 to 9 HCP 6+ usually  
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv   
 OGUST  
 2NT Force  New Suit NF

**OTHER CONV CALLS:** New Minor Forcing  2-Way NMF   
 Weak jump shifts: In Comp.  Not In Comp.   
 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Round  To Game   
 FSJIC, Good/Bad 2N, 1D-2H=54 MMs & WK, 1D-2S=Bal 12-13/GF Ds,