SPECIAL DOUBLES

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

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 to 17 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards☐ very light style☐

Responses

New Suit: Forcing☐ NFConst■ NF☐
Jump Raise: Forcing☐ Inv.☐ Weak■

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	■	■

Min-Max 12-15

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on■
Conv.☐ _____
Balancing: m:11-14 to M:12-16
Jump to 2NT: Minors☐ 2 Lowest■
Conv.☐ _____

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs:	Strong	Weak (incl 13)
2♣	C + H	Both Majors
2♦	D + H	1 Major
2♥	H + S	H + minor
2♠	S + minor	S + minor
Dbl:	6 card	14+ (Sys ON)

Other 2NT - Minors

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 Bergen On; 2NT natural

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

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

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Gerber■: 4NT: Blackwood☐ RKC■ 1430☐
Opt Minorwood; 3014 Min/Max 4S = KC for Hearts
Q ask - lowest King
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

LENGTH LEADS:

	vs SUITS	vs NT
4th Best	■	■
3rd/5th Best	☐	☐
Attitude		☐

NT: A-Drop H or Count, K-Att, Q-Drop J

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

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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 ♥■
Forcing Stayman☐
2♥ Transfer to ♠■
2♠ Range ask or C
2NT -> D or 5/5 mm
3♣ 5 card Stayman
3♦ 5/5 minors GF
3♥ 5-5 Majors Inv
3♠ 5-5 Majors GF
4♦, 4♥ Transfer■
Smolen■
Lebensohl■ (Fast denies)
Neg. Double■: _____
Other: Bid oM to confirm M fit

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman☐
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby■ Texas■
3♠ ->3NT, 4m=SI Opt
3NT natural
3NT 25 to 27
_____

Conventional NT Openings

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: 3D=3c LR; 3C=4c 7-11; On X
1NT: Forcing■ Semi-forcing■ over 1♥
2NT: Forcing■ Inv.☐ _____ to _____
3NT: 13-15 to 2 card
Drury■: Reverse■ 2-Way■ Fit☐
Other: 2D=3c LR; 2C=4c; On 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: 2S=raise of m
Frequently bypass 4+♦■
1NT/1♣ 6 to 10
2NT Forcing☐ Inv.■ 11 to 12
3NT: 13 to 15
Other _____

	DESCRIBE	RESPONSES/REBIDS
2♣ 22 to + HCP Strong■ Other☐ 2♦ Resp: Neg☐ Waiting■	2C-2D = GF	2H = bust
2♦ 6 to 11 HCP Natural: Weak☐ Intermediate☐ Strong☐ Conv.■		Ogust 2NT Force■ New Suit NF☐
2♥ 5 to 10 HCP Natural: Weak■ Intermediate☐ Strong☐ Conv.☐		Ogust 2NT Force■ New Suit NF☐
2♠ 5 to 10 HCP Natural: Weak■ Intermediate☐ Strong☐ Conv.☐		Ogust 2NT Force■ New Suit NF☐

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing:☐ 2-Way NMF■ oM first
Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp.☐ Not in Comp.☐ _____
4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd.☐ Game■ _____
Next Step Game Try, 2nd suit Slam try; 1M-2M-3M ask Trump quality; 1m-1M-2M (2NT asks)

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