SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty☐ _____
Negative☑ thru (4♠)
Responsive☑ : thru (4♦) Maximal☑
Support: Dbl.☑ thru (2♥) Redbl☑
Card-showing☑ Min. Offshape T/O☐
Supp-Dble's=3-card-fit or bal 14-16 poor stop

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 to 16 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards☑ very light style☐

Responses

New Suit: Forcing☑ NFConst☐ NF☐
Jump Raise: Forcing☐ Inv.☐ Weak☑
QB=LR+. Transfer Advances over any Resp-Dble.

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong☐ Intermediate☐ Weak☑
Weak in direct; Intermediate in bal.

OPENING PREEMPTS

	Sound	Light	Very Light
3/4-bids	☐	☑	☐

Conv./Resp. 4♣=MiniKey, 4♦=MK ov 3♣, 4♣

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER:	Minor	Major
Natural	☐	☐
Strong T/O	☐	☐
Michaels	☑	☑

(1x)-P-(1y): 4th 1NT,2x,2y=nat (unless x=M, =Mich)

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 16 to 19 Systems on☑
Conv.☐ Systems OFF over Dble
Balancing: 11 to 15
Jump to 2NT: Minors☐ 2 Lowest☑
Conv.☐ Systems OFF over Dble

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs:	10-15 NT dir	14-18 NT dir+bal
2♣	♦ or named-M+?-m	♣ and a Major
2♦	♥ xfer	♦ and a Major
2♥	♥ + ♠	♥
2♠	♠	♠
Dbl:	Pen/Cards	1 mnr or Maj's
Other	2NT=♣ xfer, 3♣=m's	2NT=minors

3♦=M' s strong. Bal bids = Meckwell - see RHS.

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 Transfers. Sing in Lo, WJS in Hi-rank.

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout☑ thru 4♥ Penalty☐
Conv. Takeout: 4NT over (4♠)=t/o
Lebensohl 2NT Response☑
Other: Over 4♠+above, Dble=Pen with cards

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Gerber☑: 4NT: Blackwood☐ RKC☑ 1430☑
0314 if 4NT on m, and Exclusion. 5NT or other King-ask=Specific-Kings, 5NT answer=2 KeyCards plus void.
DFPS/RFPS (i.e., F=First=1or 4). 6 of NewSuit ask 3rd Rnd (Q or xx). LastTrain encourages if no room.
vs Interference: DOPI☐ DEPO☑ Level: below/above 5 in our suit 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		☐

xxx, lead the least confusing. Odd, lead low.

Primary signal to partner's leads
Attitude☑ Count☐ Suit preference☐

DEFENSIVE CARDING

	vs SUITS	vs NT
Standard:	☐	☐
Except	☑	

K from AKx(x) at 4+level or if supported
Known 6+(5 if affordable), Mid=Enc, Hi/Lo=SP

Upside-Down:

count	☑	☑
attitude	☑	☑

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal	☐	☐
Odd/Even	☐	☐
UpsideDown Discards	☑	☑

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo	☐	☐
Trump Suit Pref.	☑	
Foster Echo	☐	☐

SPECIAL CARDING ☐ PLEASE ASK

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GENERAL APPROACH

Weak 1NT, 2/1 FG (CC version as at 2020May20

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
11-13 to NV
11½-13½ to Vul
5-card Major common☐
System on over (2♣) only
2♣ Stayman☑ Puppet☐
2♦ Transfer to ♥☑
Forcing Stayman☐
2♥ Transfer to ♠☑
2♠ MSS both-m wk or FG
2NT >3♣ either-m wk or FG
3♣ nat IG
3♦ nat IG
3♥ H-sing 3145/3154 FG
3♠ S-sing 1345/1354 FG
4♣=1430, 4♦=M's, 4M=nat
4♦, 4♥ Transfer☐
Smolen☑
Lebensohl☑ (fast denies)
Neg. Double☑: ov nat (2x)+(3x)
Other: Trf-Leb. P1-RN-OT

2NT 19+ to 21
Puppet Stayman☐
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby☑ Texas☑
3♠ >3NT, now 4m=KeyC, 4M=both. 3NT,4C=trf

3NT Gamble to seat 1,2
4♦=ask. Play in seat 3,4

Conventional NT Openings
Aft Stay, 3OM=x-sing FG, 4♦=bal
Garb Stay. Texas jump over 2NT.

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: Kokish 2Way-GT. MiniSplinter 7+.
1NT: Forcing☑ Semi-forcing☐
2NT: Forcing☑ Inv.☐ PH 1♥-2♠ to 5-5 m's
3NT: 13-15 to Drury 2♣=3
Drury☑: Reverse☑ 2-Way☑ Fit☐
Other: 1♥-2♠,3♠=wk; 1♠-4♥=void, Bart 1M-1NT-2♣

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: nat FG, 2NT sing-ask
Frequently bypass 4+♦☑
1NT/1♣ 8-9 to 1♦-3♣=CX ♦-LimR
2NT Forcing☐ Inv.☑ 10+-12 to _____
3NT: 13-15 to 1♣-1♦ =3+cd
Other 1♣-2♦=CX ♣-LimR; 1m-2M,3M=wk

	DESCRIBE	RESPONSES/REBIDS
2♣	21-36 to _____ HCP Strong☑ Other☐ bal 21+up or 9 trks 2♦ Resp: Neg☐ Waiting☑	2♦=K+, 2♥=no-K. Kokish-Relay. 2♠, 2NT, 3m: 2 of T3H in S, H, m
2♦	3-9 NV to 5-11 V HCP Weak Natural: Weak☑ Intermediate☐ Strong☐ Conv.☐	2NT=bal 15-17 F0, 3♣=art ♦-fit IG+ 2NT Force☐ New Suit NF☐
2♥	3-9 NV to 5-11 V HCP Weak Natural: Weak☑ Intermediate☐ Strong☐ Conv.☐	Grade ABC, 3♥=2 of T3H 2NT Force☑ New Suit NF☐
2♠	3-9 NV to 5-11 V HCP Weak Natural: Weak☑ Intermediate☐ Strong☐ Conv.☐	Grade ABC, 3♠=2 of T3H 2NT Force☑ New Suit NF☐

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing:☐ 2-Way NMF☑ Full XYZ
Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp.☑ Not in Comp.☑ No Puppet/Bergen/Flowers. Ingberman.
4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd.☑ Game☑ 1x-(2M) and 2x-(Dble): 2OM=nat, 2NT+3y=Trf. Trf-Leb ov M-Michs.
4SFG if not XYZ. Aft o/c or bal 1NT-(Dble), all bids=nat, Rdbl=2-suits. 1♣-1♦-1♥-1♠= Trf to C. Mixed 2NT in Comp.
3NT o/c then 2-under. GoodBad 2NT by Opener. Dble of NT's usually Penalty exc. Meckwell. Anti-Michaels/Unusual.