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GENERAL APPROACH

2/1

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

5-card Major common

System on over X, 2♣

2♣ Stayman Puppet

2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer

Forcing Stayman Smolen

2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (denies)

2♠ MSS Neg. Double

2NT ♣ Other:

2NT 20 to 22
Puppet Stayman

Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas

3♠ MSS

3NT to
Spec A asking

Conventional NT Openings

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length	4	5
1st/2nd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3rd/4th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak

After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak

Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splinter

Other: Jacoby

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing

2NT: Forcing Inv. to

3NT: to

Drury Reverse 2-Way Fit

Other: 1H P 2♠ = Splinter
Kokish GT

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length	4	3	0-2	Conv.
1♣	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1♦	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak

After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak

Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor

Single raise Other: LR+

Frequently bypass 4+♦

1NT/1♣ 7 to 10

2NT Forcing Inv. 10+ to 12

3NT: 13 to 15

Other: WJS 4-7, A or K

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty

Negative thru 4♥

Responsive : thru 3♠ Maximal

Support: Dbl. thru Redbl

Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on

Conv.

Balancing: 11 to 14 syst on

Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest

Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs:

2♣ Majors

2♦ 1 M

2♥ ♥ + min

2♠ ♠ + min

Dbl: Penalty (sys on)

Other 2NT = minors

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 6 to 15 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style

Responses

New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF

Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound	Light	Very Light
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3/4-bids

Conv./Resp.

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER:	Minor	Major
Natural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong T/O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michaels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♥ Penalty

Conv. Takeout:

Lebensohl 2NT Response

Other: All seats

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430 minorwood when suit agreed

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

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best	vs SUITS <input type="checkbox"/>	vs NT <input type="checkbox"/>
3rd/5th Best	vs SUITS <input type="checkbox"/>	vs NT <input type="checkbox"/>
	Attitude vs NT <input type="checkbox"/>	

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard:	vs SUITS	vs NT
Except <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upside-Down:		
count	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odd/Even	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trump Suit Pref.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foster Echo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK