

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: **Penalty** ☐
 Negative ☒ thru 35
 Responsive ☒ thru 35 Maximal ☐
 Support: Dbl. ☒ thru 25 Redbl ☒
 Card-showing ☐ Min. Offshape T/O ☐

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 9 to 17 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards ☒ very light style ☐
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing ☒ NFConst ☐ NF ☐
 Jump Raise: Forcing ☐ Inv. ☐ Weak ☒
Q LIMIT OR BETTER

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong ☐ Intermediate ☐ Weak ☒

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids ☐ ☒ ☐
 Conv./Resp. ☐

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major ARTIF Bids
 Natural ☐ ☐ ☐
 Strong T/O ☐ ☐ ☐
 Michaels ☒ ☒ ☐

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Gerber ☐: 4NT: Blackwood ☐ RKC ☐ 1430 ☐
SPECIFIC IS, QUEEN ASK
EXCLUSION KEYCARD BLACKWOOD
 vs Interference: DOPI ☒ DEPO ☒ Level: ROPI ☐

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits		versus Notrump	
xx	xxxx	xx	xxxx
xxx	xxxxx	xxx	xxxxx
AKx	T9x	AKJx	AQJx
KQx	KJT x	AJT9	AT9x
QJx	KT9x	KQJx	KQT9
JT9	QT9x	QJT x	QT9x
KQT9		JT9x	T9xx

LENGTH LEADS:

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

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude ☒ Count ☐ Suit preference ☐

SPECIAL CARDING ☐ PLEASE ASK

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on ☐
 Conv. ☐
 Balancing: 11 to 14
 Jump to 2NT: Minors ☐ 2 Lowest ☒
 Conv. ☐

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs:
 2♣ MAJORS
 2♦
 2♥
 2♠
 Dbl: PENALTY
 Other

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1 level ☒ 2 level ☒
 Jump Shift: Forcing ☐ Inv. ☐ Weak ☐
 Redbl implies no fit ☒ Transfer RESP ☐
 2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
 Majors ☐ ☒ ☐
 Minors ☐ ☒ ☐
 Other

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout ☒ thru 4H Penalty ☐
 Conv. Takeout:
 Lebensohl 2NT Response ☒
 Other:

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard: ☐ vs SUITS vs NT
 Except ☐

Upside-Down: count ☒ attitude ☒

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal ☐ ☐
 Odd/Even ☐ ☐

OTHER CARDING

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

NAMES BERNIE KATCHEN - ANDY ALTAY

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

15 1NT to 17
 to
 5-card Major common ☐
 System on over
 2♣ Stayman ☒ Puppet ☐
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ ☐ Forcing Stayman ☒
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ ☐
 2♠ Neg. Double ☐:
 2NT Other:

3♣ 6 CRD INV
 3♦ 6 CRD INV
 3♥ 6 CRD SLAM
 3♠ 6 CRD SLAM

4♦, 4♥ Transfer ☒
 Smolen ☐
 Lebensohl ☒ (FAST) denies
 Other:

2NT 20 to 21

Puppet Stayman ☐
Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby ☒ Texas ☒
 3♠ MSS

3NT to

CAMBLING

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 ☒ Splitter ☒
 Other: REV. BERGEN
 1NT: Forcing ☒ Semi-forcing ☐
 2NT: Forcing ☒ Inv. ☐ to
 3NT: to
 Drury ☒: Reverse ☐ 2-Way ☒ Fit ☐
 Other: 2C-CONS. LIMIT 2D-1

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 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: JSom = LIMIT
 Freq. bypass 4+♦ ☒ Transfer RESP ☐
 1NT/1♣ 7 to 10
 2NT Forcing ☐ Inv. ☐ 11 to 12
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Other: 2H, 2S WEAK 2

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ <u> </u> to <u> </u> HCP Strong ☒ Other ☐		24 DEL NEG.
2♦ Resp: Neg ☐ Waiting ☒		2NT-HEARTS
2♦ <u>5</u> to <u>10</u> HCP <u>RONF</u> Natural: Weak ☒ Intermediate ☐ Strong ☐ Conv. ☐		OGVST
2♥ <u>5</u> to <u>10</u> HCP <u>RONF</u> Natural: Weak ☒ Intermediate ☐ Strong ☐ Conv. ☐		OGVST
2♠ <u>5</u> to <u>10</u> HCP <u>RONF</u> Natural: Weak ☒ Intermediate ☐ Strong ☐ Conv. ☐		OGVST
		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 ☐ Game ☒ SANDWICH NT
INGBERMAN: BARON COR.