



SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty _____
 Negative thru 4♥
 Responsive : thru 4♥ Maximal
 Support: Dbl. thru 2♥ Redbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
 supp X for majors only

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
 Conv. _____
 Balancing: 10-14NV to 12-16Vul
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
 Conv. _____

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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 _____

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 17 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style

Responses

New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
 new suit NF after 1lev o/c; F after 2lev

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: all _____
 2♣ 3+♣&5cd M _____
 2♦ 3+♦&5cd M _____
 2♥ Majors _____
 2♠ Natural _____
 Dbl: various* _____
 Other *4cd M & longer minor OR
 ♦s OR ♥s OR big hand majors/♠s

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT
10-12 to NV, 1/2
14-16 to 15-17
 5-card Major common 3♥ 3=1=(5,4)
 System on over X, most 2♣ 3♠ 1=3=(5,4)
 2♣ Stayman Puppet
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
 Forcing Stayman Smolen
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (____denies) **Conventional NT Openings**
 2♠ clubs _____ Neg. Double xfers in comp _____
 2NT diamonds _____ Other: 2-way Stayman over 10-12

2NT 22 to 24
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby Texas
 3♠ minor suit Stayman
 3NT 27 to 28

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1 level 2 level
 Jump Shift: Forcing Inv. Weak
 Redouble implies no fit

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv./Resp. 4♣ (4♦ over 3♣)=RKCB

2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
 Majors
 Minors
 Other 3♦ after 1M - (X) = mixed raise

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length	4	5
e1st/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: transfers after 1M-(X) _____
 1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
 3NT: 13-15 to 4-3-3-3
 Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other: artif game tries after raise _____

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: _____
 Frequently bypass 4+♦
 1NT/1♣ 8 to 13 GF
 2NT Forcing Inv. 11* to 12
 3NT: 13* to 15
 Other *after 1♦ opening

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru _____ Penalty
 Conv. Takeout: _____
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other: _____

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: DOPI thru 5♦ ROPI

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits		versus Notrump	
xx	x x (x) x	xx	(xx) x x
x x x	x x x x (x)	(x) x (x)	(xx) 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	T 9 x x

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

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard:
 Except
 vs NT ace ask for unblock

Upside-Down:
 count
 attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
 Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ <u>11</u> to <u>15</u> HCP Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> 2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/> asks description	6+ clubs	2M and 2NT F 1 rd
2♦ <u>11</u> to <u>15</u> HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	short diamonds	2NT asks description
2♥ <u>5</u> to <u>10</u> HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>		2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
2♠ <u>5</u> to <u>10</u> HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>		2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF 2♣-->2♦

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp.

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game after 2M-(X), 2NT-->3♣

3♣ over 1♦ = 5+clubs, 4+diam, weak; unusual vs unusual;

Mod Hamilton after opp's overcall 1NT: pass/double inversion in some 1♣ auctions

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK