



SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty _____
 Negative thru 3 Spades
 Responsive : thru _____ Maximal
 Support: Dbl. thru _____ Redbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 17 Systems on
 Conv. _____
 Balancing: 11 to 14
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
 Conv. _____

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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 _____

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 15 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong _____ Weak _____
 2♣ All _____ All _____
 2♦ Natural _____ Natural _____
 2♥ _____
 2♠ _____
 Dbl: _____
 Other: _____

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

15 to 17 1NT
 _____ to _____
 5-card Major common
 System on over Dbl 2C
 2♣ Stayman Puppet
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
 Forcing Stayman Smolen
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (Fast denies)
 2♠ -3 Clubs Neg. Double : _____
 2NT -3 Diamonds Other: _____

2NT 20 to 21
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby Texas
 3♠ MSS
 3NT 25 to 27

Conventional NT Openings

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
 2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
 Majors
 Minors
 Other Jordan

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv./Resp. V NV

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5
 1st/2nd
 3rd/4th

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 0-2 Conv.
 1♣
 1♦

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splinter
 Other: _____

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
 Single raise Other: 11+HCP 5+
 Frequently bypass 4+♦

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

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

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 Specific Kings

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:

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

vs SUITS vs NT
 Standard:
 Except
 Upside-Down:
 count
 attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
 Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ _____ to _____ HCP Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> 2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 H Negative
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"/>	Flannery 2NT Force <input checked="" 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"/>	Feature 2NT Force <input checked="" 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"/>	Feature 2NT Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp.
 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game
 Spiral 2 NT

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK