

**SPECIAL DOUBLES**

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

**NOTRUMP OVERCALLS**

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

**NAMES**

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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     to     HCP (usually)  
often 4 cards  very light style

**Responses**

New Suit: Forcing  NF Const  NF   
Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv  Weak

**DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP**

vs: NT 10  
2  5 N  
2  3 N  
2  10N XEM  
Dbl:          
Other    

**NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS**

11 1NT to 14 3  MURKIN  
15 to 17 3  5-5 GEM  
5-card Major common  3  STIFF  
System on over      
2  Stayman  Puppet   
2  Transfer to  4  4  Transfer   
Forcing Stayman  Smolen   
2  Transfer to  Lebensohl  (5D denies)  
2  9 Neg. Double  25/36  
2NT 9 Other: CARE, HAYASHI

**2NT 20 to 21**

Puppet Stayman   
Transfer Responses:  
Jacoby  Texas   
3  5

**3NT     to**

5  
Conventional NT Openings  
RAZE  
RAZE

**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.

**2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak**

Majors     
Minors     
Other FLR 1109

**MAJOR OPENING**

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

**MINOR OPENING**

Expected Min. Length 4 3 0-2 Conv. NF  
1      
1

**RESPONSES**

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

**RESPONSES**

Double Raise: Force  Inv  Weak   
After Overcall: Force  Inv  Weak   
Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor   
Single raise  Other: ROWELL

**DIRECT CUEBID**

OVER: Minor Major

Natural    
Strong T/O    
Michaels

**VS Opening Preempts Double Is**

Takeout  thru 4N Penalty   
Conv. Takeout:      
Lebensohl 2NT Response   
Other: LEAP 11/6

**SLAM CONVENTIONS** Gerber  4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430

EXCL 0139  
vs Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level:     ROPI

**LEADS** (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits		versus Notrump	
<b>X X</b>	<b>X X X X</b>	<b>X X</b>	<b>X X X X</b>
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

**DEFENSIVE CARDING**

Standard:  vs SUITS  vs NT   
Except

Upside-Down:  count    
attitude

**FIRST DISCARD**  
Lavinthal    
Odd/Even

**OTHER CARDING**  
Smith Echo No    
Trump Suit Pref.    
Foster Echo

**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**

**RESPONSES**

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

1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing  PH  
2NT: Forcing  Inv  to      
3NT: 15 to 17 PH  
Drury: Reverse  2-Way  Fit   
Other: NS SPIRAL HERE

**DESCRIBE**

**RESPONSES/REBIDS**

2  to     HCP CONTAINS  
Strong  Other   
2  Resp: Neg  Waiting

2  11 to 14 HCP 4/4/1 MINI-ROMAN  
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  2NT Force  New Suit NF

2  5 to 10 HCP OGUST MCATEE  
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  2NT Force  New Suit NF

2  5 to 10 HCP      
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  2NT Force  New Suit NF

**OTHER CONV. CALLS:** New Minor Forcing:  2-Way NMF  X 5/2

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp.  Not in Comp.

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd.  Game  SANDWICH/PH

TRX V. 2N, W/C