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### GENERAL APPROACH

Std. American w/Variable NT

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**

11-14 to 1/2/3 NV 3♣ weak ♣+♦

15-17 to Other 3♦ strong ♣+♦

5-card Major common  3♥ inv ♥+♠

System on over 2♣, Dbl 3♠ str ♥+♠

2♣ Stayman  Puppet

2♦ Transfer to ♥  4♦, 4♥ Transfer

Forcing Stayman  Smolen

2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl  (fast denies)

2♠ ♣ 2N pre Neg. Double  to 3♠

2NT ♦ 3♣ pre Other: Garbage Stayman, Moscow Escapes

2NT 20 to 21

Puppet Stayman

Transfer Responses:  
Jacoby  Texas

3♠ 3N for minors

4♣♦=6 ♥-♠=short

3NT     to    

Gambling

### Conventional NT Openings

### MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5

1st/2nd

3rd/4th Sometimes 4

### RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak

After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak

Conv. Raise: 2NT  3NT  Splinter

Other: 2N 15+ splinter 11-14

1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing

2NT: Forcing  Inv.      to    

3NT: 15  2cd major

Drury : Reverse  2-Way  Fit

Other: 1♠-3♥ 1♥-3♦ LR+

Drury on over X

### 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: 9+ off in comp

Frequently bypass 4+♦

1NT/1♣ 8 to 10

2NT Forcing  Inv.  11 to 12

3NT: 13 to 15

Other

### SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty     

Negative  thru 4♥

Responsive  : thru 4♥ Maximal

Support: Dbl.  thru     Redbl

Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O

Rosenkrantz    

### NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 16 to 18 Systems on

Conv.

Balancing: 11 to 14

Jump to 2NT: Minors  2Lowest

Conv.

### DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: BPH     UPH    

2♣ ♣+another  ♦ or maj/min

2♦ ♦+♥/♠  ♥

2♥ ♥  ♥+♠

2♠ ♠  ♠

Dbl:    

Other: SEE OTHER CARD

### 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

### JUMP OVERCALL

Strong  Intermediate  Weak

SEE OTHER CARD

### OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound  Light  Very Light

3/4-bids

Conv./Resp.    

### DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major

Natural

Strong T/O

Michaels

### 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: Drury on over X

### VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout  thru 4@H Penalty

Conv. Takeout:    

Lebensohl 2NT Response

Other:    

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

Ask if you need to know

vs Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level:     ROPI

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

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

### SPECIAL CARDING

### PLEASE ASK