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GENERAL APPROACH

2 over 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

1NT 14+ to 17

5-card Major common System on over X, 2♣

2♣ Stayman Puppet

2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer

Forcing Stayman Smolen

2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (fast denies)

2♠ transfer ♣ Neg. Double

2NT Other:

2NT 20 to 21

Puppet Stayman

Transfer Responses:

Jacoby Texas

3♠

3NT to

gambling

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 Splinter

Other: Jacoby, R. Bergen

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing

2NT: Forcing Inv. to

3NT: to

Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit

Other:

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:

Frequently bypass 4+♦

1NT/1♣ 6 to 10

2NT Forcing Inv. 12 to 15

3NT: 16 to 17

Other:

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ to HCP

Strong Other

strong, ART

cheapest minor, 2nd negative

2♦ Resp: Neg Waiting

2♦ 5 to 10 HCP

usually 6

Ogust

Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.

2NT Force New Suit NF

2♥ 5 to 10 HCP

usually 6

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

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp.

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game Unusual vs. Unusual

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty

Negative thru 4♥

Responsive : thru 4♥ Maximal

Support: Dbl. thru 2♥ Redbl

Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on

Conv.

Balancing: 10 to 16

Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest

Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: strong weak

2♣ ♣ + higher majors

2♦ ♦ + major natural

2♥ ♥ + ♠ natural

2♠ ♠ natural

Dbl: one-suiter penalty

Other:

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 18 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

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:

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light

3/4-bids

Conv./Resp. new suit forcing

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major

Natural

Strong T/O

Michaels

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♠ Penalty

Conv. Takeout:

Lebensohl 2NT Response

Other:

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

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

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK