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### GENERAL APPROACH

Precision

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 15 to 17

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

2♣ Stayman  Puppet

2♦ Transfer to ♥  4♦, 4♥ Transfer  15-17

2♥ Transfer to ♠  Forcing Stayman  Smolen  15-17

2♠ -> to C  Lebensohl  (F denies)

2NT -> to D  Neg. Double  15-17

Other: XX->2C

3♣ Puppet Stayman  3♦ minors GF  3♥ 3145 GF  3♠ 1345 GF

2NT 22 to 24 no 5  Puppet Stayman

Transfer Responses: Jacoby  Texas

3♠ -> to 3N

3NT      to       Gambling

Conventional NT Openings  Baze, Dbl Xfer

### MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length	4	5
1st/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  Splitter

Other: 3N weak spl over 1S, S spl over 1H

1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing

2NT: Forcing  Inv.       to     

3NT:      to     

Drury : Reverse  2-Way  Fit

Other: After 2C, 2D asks  3/1 Inv, 2M+1=GT, HSGT

### 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: 1C/1H=8+5+S

Frequently bypass 4+♦  1C/1S=8-13

1NT/1♣ 8+5+H to     

2NT Forcing  Inv.  13 to 15 1D

3NT: 16 to 17 to 1D

Other: 1D/2H=11-12, 1D/2S=5S 4+H

### SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty      

Negative  thru 4H

Responsive  : thru 4H Maximal

Support: Dbl.  thru 2H Redbl

Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O

Snapdragon

### NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on

Conv.  Q Major = 3 suiter 7+HCP

Balancing: 10 to 16

Jump to 2NT: Minors  2Lowest

Conv.

### DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs:

2♣ D or M/m

2♦ Majors

2♥ H

2♠ S

Dbl: penalty

Other

### SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 5 to 18 HCP (usually)

often 4 cards  very light style

Responses

New Suit: Forcing  NF Const  NF

Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak

Jump Q = mixed raise

### JUMP OVERCALL

Strong  Intermediate  Weak

### OPENING PREEMPTS

	Sound	Light	Very Light
3/4-bids	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conv./Resp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### DIRECT CUEBID

OVER:	Minor	Major
Natural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong T/O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michaels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 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 trans resps after 1 level/X

### VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout  thru 4S Penalty

Conv. Takeout:     

Lebensohl 2NT Response

Other: Roman Jumps

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430

minorwood, Kickback, preempt keycard, exclusion RKC

vs Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level:      Dope      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)
(A)K x	T 9 x
K Q x	K J T x
Q J x	K T 9 x
J T 9	Q T 9 x
K Q T 9	J T 9 x
(X)X	(X)X x x
(X)x(X)	X x x X(X)X x
A K J x	A Q J x
A J T 9	A T 9 x
K Q J x	K Q T 9
Q J T x	Q T 9 x
J T 9 x	T 9 x x

### LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS  vs NT

3rd/5th Best vs SUITS  vs NT

Journalist after opening lead Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude  Count  Suit preference

### DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard:  vs SUITS  vs NT

Except

split high touching honors

std attitude lead of A

Upside-Down:

count	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal

Odd/Even

### OTHER CARDING

Smith Echorev

Trump Suit Pref.

Foster Echo

### SPECIAL CARDING

### PLEASE ASK