

SPECIAL DOUBLES
 After Overcall: Penalty _____
 Negative thru 4♣
 Responsive: thru 3♣ Maximal
 Support: Dbl thru 2♥ Rdbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

SIMPLE OVERCALL
 1-level 8 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

OPENING PREEMPTS
 Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv./Resp.

DIRECT CUEBID
 Over: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 spec Ks

vs. Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5 of our suit ROPI

LEADS (click card led, if not in bold)
 versus Suits versus Notrump

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|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 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 | 10 9 x | A K J x | A Q J x |
| K Q x | K J 10 x | A J 10 9 | A 10 9 8 |
| Q J x | K 10 9 x | K Q J x | K Q 10 9 |
| J 10 x | Q 10 9 x | Q J 10 x | Q 10 9 8 |
| K Q 10 9 | | J 10 9 x | 10 9 8 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
 Upside-Down Attitude

FIRST DISCARD
 Lavinthal
 Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING
 Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS
 Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
 Conv. _____
 Balance: 11 to 15
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
 Conv. _____

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP
 vs: strong weak NT (<15)
 2♣ ♠ + ♥ one-suit
 2♦ ♦ + ♥ majors
 2♥ ♥ + ♠ ♥ + minor
 2♠ ♠ + min ♠ + minor
 Dbl one-suit penalty sys on
 Other: _____

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE
 New Suit Forcing: 1-level 2-level
 Redouble implies no fit
 2NT Over Limit + Limit Weak
 Majors
 Minors
 Other: _____

VS OPENING PREEMPT DOUBLE IS
 Takeout thru 4♥ Penalty
 Conv. Takeout: _____
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other: _____

GENERAL APPROACH
 NAMES Joe Viola - Randy Howard
 2/1
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 | 3♣ asks for 5-card M | 2NT 20 to 21 |
| 15 to 17 | 3♦ 5-5 min GF | Puppet Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> |
| to | 3♥ 31(54) | Transfer Responses: |
| 5-Card Major Common <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3♠ 13(45) | Jacoby <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Texas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| System On Over Dbl, 2♣ | | 3♠ -> 3NT for slam try |
| 2♣ Stayman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Puppet <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 2♦ Transfer to ♥ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 3NT to |
| Forcing Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 2♥ Transfer to ♠ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 2♠ -> ♣ gap accepts | 4♦, 4♥ Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2NT -> ♦ gap accepts | Smolen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Lebensohl <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (fast denies) | |
| | Negative Double <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

Conventional NT Openings
 3NT gambling no A/K

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: _____

MINOR OPENING
 Expected Min. Length 4 3 NF 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: _____

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv. to _____
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other: HSGT, 1M-3m inv

Frequently bypass 4+♦
 1NT/1♣: 7 to 10
 2NT: Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Other: 1♣-3♣ inv

| DESCRIBE | RESPONSES/REBIDS |
|---|---|
| 2♣ to _____ HCP Strong <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2♠ Response: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2♦ 5 to 10 HCP Natural: Weak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv <input type="checkbox"/> | feature, McCabe 2NT Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/> |
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OTHER CONV CALLS: New Minor Forcing 2-Way NMF
 Weak jump shifts: In Comp. Not In Comp. fit showing js in comp
 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Round To Game
 spiral (3344) always 2NT
 Wolff