



SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: **Penalty** _____
 Negative thru 4♥
 Responsive : thru 4♥ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2♠ Redbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
Support X over 2♠ not mandatory

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 17 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
Jump Cue=mixed raise (CR/4 trump)

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
Conv./Resp. 4♣ special KC ov 2&3 preempts

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels
OFF over strong 1♣

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 5NT resp=2KC+void, 6x=1KC+that void, 6T=1+higher void. Redwood
 5NT asks specific Ks. Ex RKC & Special KC responses: 0,1,1+,2,2+
 vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 6 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

Vs Suit: K from AK at 5 lvl, or 4lvl if bid & raised
Primary signal to partner's leads
 Attitude Count Suit preference

SPECIAL CARDING

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv. sys OFF over balancing NT
Balancing: 11 to 14
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. sandwich NT

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong (15) Weak
 2♣ ♣/♦/5cM+m ♣/♦/ M+m
 2♦ ♥+♠ ♥+♠
 2♥ ♥ ♥
 2♠ ♠ ♠
 Dbl: 4M+longer m Penalty
Other After Str NT-X, 2♣=minor, 2♦=major; all other to play

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 BROMAD (2 & 3 level)

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♥ Penalty
Conv. Takeout: 4NT
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: Leaping Michaels

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard: vs SUITS vs NT
 Except
A vs NT asks for unblock or count, K for Attitude
 Upside-Down:
 count
 attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
 Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Shift Echo Rev
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

PLEASE ASK

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GENERAL APPROACH

2/1 GF UDCA WJS

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
 to _____
 5-card Major common
 System on over X, 2♣
 2♣ Stayman Puppet
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer jump
 Forcing Stayman Smolen
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (fast denies)
 2♠ Size Ask-2N=min Neg. Double
 2NT ->♦/5-5 ♣&♦ Other: Delayed Texas

3♣ 5 card Stayman _____
 3♦ 5/5 ♦+♣; GF _____
 3♥ 3-1-5/4 3-0-5-5 _____
 3♠ 1-3-5/4 0-3-5-5 _____

2NT 19+ to 21
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby Texas
 3♠ ->3N. 4m=other m
 4♥/4♠=stiff, both min

3NT _____ to _____
 Gambling no AK in 1/2

Conventional NT Openings
 IN-Jac-2X-4♣ 1430
 1N-2♣-2♦-4x Gerb/Texas

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 Splitter
Other: Jacoby 2NT by UPH; Bergen

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv. by PH to 11-12
 3NT: 13-15 to 2 trump
 Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Berg. off/PH&interf, BROMAD over X
Other: SPIRAL 3344

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: GF by UPH

Frequently bypass 4+♦
 1NT/1♣ 8 to 10
 2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
 3NT: 13 to 15
Other: Criss Cross=LR by PH;

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

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2♣ <u>22+</u> to if bal HCP Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	or 8PTs & 3QTs 2♥/x/xx=dbl neg. (<2Q)
2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/> if unbalanced	2NT=positive in ♥
2♦ <u>5</u> to <u>11</u> HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	McCabe Feature (w/ ok open) 2NT Force <input 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. Major, 6 card suit, 3-6NV, 4-7VuI
4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game 1m-1M, 2M-2NT asks length-strength, 3344
 Western Cue Bid, UvU, Drury not on over any interference
 Over strong 1♣, X=Majors and 1N=minors, 2♣ is natural. Over 1♦, 2♦=natural
 Serious 3NT, Last Train