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GENERAL APPROACH

Strong Club

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 16
to
5-card Major common
System on over X & 2C
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (F denies)
2♠ Range Ask Neg. Double
2NT Diamonds Other: Transfer Leb.

2NT 21 to 22
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ Puppet to 3N

3NT to
1 Outside stopper
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 Splitter
Other: 1H 2S & 1S 3H = Nat INV
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. to
3NT: to
Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
2C = 3 2D = 4
Other: 3m/IM = NAT & INV

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: 2S/1D
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ 4 to controls
2NT Forcing Inv. 14 to 16
3NT: 17 to 19
Other 2D Meck over 1D; 2H = NT INV

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty
Negative thru 3S
Responsive : thru 4D Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2H Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv. Blcg: 2 Way and range ask
Balancing: 10 to 14
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. Sometimes 2N = minors

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong Weak
2♣ Majors Majors
2♦ 1 Major Tfr to H
2♥ M + m Tfr to S
2♠ M + m 1 good minor
Dbl: 4M + long m Penalty
Other DBL - Or a good hand
PH blcg = DONT - X is m or MM

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
Transfer Advances; Jump Q = LR

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
Natural over 1C and 0-2 D

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 Transfers over 1M X

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4H Penalty
Conv. Takeout:
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other:

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

DIP2 and DOPE: 4S Kickback for H; Pre KC; Excl 0314
vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: DIP2 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**
(A)Kx **T**9x **(A)K** J x **A** **Q**Jx
KQx **K** **J**Tx **A** **J**T9 **A** **T**9x
QJx **K** **T**9x **(K)Q** J x **(K)Q** T 9
JT9 **Q**T9x **Q**J T x **Q** **T**9x
KQ T 9 **J**T9 x **T**9x x

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
K vs suits asks for count; Attitude vs NT
3rd from even lowest from odd

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT
Standard:
Except
Standard attitude vs NT
at trick 1 on A lead
Upside-Down:
count
attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even
Upside down

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo Rev
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING **PLEASE ASK**