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GENERAL APPROACH

2/1, str NT.5-cards majors
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
to
5-card Major common 3♥ 1H+ 3S+ 9 DC, GF
System on over dbl, 2C 3♠ 1S+ 3H+ 9 DC, GF
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer --3D
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (Fast denies)
2♠ clubs Neg. Double thru 3S
2NT diamonds Other: 4 level=coop

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ 1-2 minors
2NT-3NT is natural

3NT _____ to _____
Conventional NT Openings
NAMYATS

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: 3 of lower suit=inv
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing BPH
2NT: Forcing Inv. Jacoby to
3NT: 13 to 15
Drury Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other: 2C= 3 trumps; 2D=4 trumps
Preempt J/S

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 9
2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
3NT: 13 to 15
Other: _____

SPECIAL DOUBLES

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

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15+ to 18 Systems on
Conv.
Balancing: 10 to 15
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: _____ balancing _____
2♣ single suit Majors _____
2♦ majors Nat _____
2♥ HT and minor Natural _____
2♠ SP and minor Natural _____
Dbl: penalty _____ Penalty _____
Other 2N= minors. _____ Same _____

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
Forcing at 1 level; otherwise NF cons

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
3/4-bids
Conv./Resp. ATV and seat position

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
Natural
Strong T/O
Michaels

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 Redbl may (rarely) have fit

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4S Penalty
Conv. Takeout: 4N=2 suit takeout
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: _____

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
0314 including exclusion

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 6 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
(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
Honor leads: unblock the directly lower honor otherwise attitude

Primary signal to partner's leads
Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard: vs SUITS vs NT
Except
Mid-hand leads are attitude
except 9 or T is 0 or 2 higher
Upside-Down:
count
attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING **PLEASE ASK**