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GENERAL APPROACH

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
System on over X-2C
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (denies)
2♠ range or clubs Neg. Double
2NT diamonds or ms Other: rev baze

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ minor suit slam

3NT to
Gambling

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 Splinter
Other: Bergen 1st and 2nd
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. to
3NT: to
Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other:

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
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ 6 to 10
2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
3NT: 13 to 15
Other crisscross

SPECIAL DOUBLES

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

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv.
Balancing: 10 to 16
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs:
2♣ Ms
2♦ one M
2♥ 5H+ minor
2♠ 5S+ minor
Dbl: 4M, 5+ minor
Other 2N - minors

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
JR= mixed

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

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

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

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

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
minorwood, spec kings, preemptive rkc

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO 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
(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
Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT
Standard:
Except
Upside-Down:
count
attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing 2-Way NMF

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp.

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game wolff signoff, xyz

1m (1N) 2otherm - both majors

Mathe vs Prec1C