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GENERAL APPROACH

Polish Club, 2♣ 6+♣, 10-14
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 18 3♣ ♦ _____
 good to bad 3♦ (14)44, GF
 5-card Major common 3♥ 0-1♥, 5+4+min
 System on over art X 3♠ 0-1♠, 5+4+min
 2♣ Stayman Puppet
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
 Forcing Stayman Smolen
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl CUE denies
 2♠ ASKS Min/Max Neg. Double
 2NT Puppet Stayman* Other: *tactical answers possible
 2NT good 20 to 22
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby Texas
 3♠ Minor Suit Stayman
 3NT gambler to _____
 3/4th to play _____
Conventional NT Openings

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length	4	5
1st/2nd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3rd/4th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splitter
 Other: 2♣=inv# with fit
 1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv. GF to ♣'s
 3NT: _____ to _____
 Drury Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other: Drury on in all positions

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length	4	3	0-2	Conv.
1♣	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1♦	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
 Single raise Other: GF/1♣, inv+1♦
 Frequently bypass 4+♦
 1NT/1♣ _____ 7 to 11
 2NT Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
 3NT: _____ 13 to 15
 Other _____

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty _____
 Negative thru 4♥(♦)
 Responsive : thru 4♥(♦) Maximal
 Support: Dbl. thru noth 1♠ Redbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15(16) to 17(18) Systems on
 Conv. _____
 Balancing: _____ 10 to 14
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
 Conv. _____

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: weak _____ strong _____
 2♣ majors _____
 2♦ ♥ or ♠ _____
 2♥ 5+♥ 4+♣ _____
 2♠ 5+♠ 4+♣ _____
 Dbl: PEN 4♥♠ 5♣♦
 Other _____

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level _____ 7 to 17 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
 mixed vuln, weak NV

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak
 intermediate 2 level vuln, else weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv./Resp. 3♣ - 3♦ asks 3-card maj

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER:	Minor	Major
Natural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong T/O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michaels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 many Transfers, please ask

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru _____ Penalty
 Conv. Takeout: _____
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other: 2NT also asks for better Minor

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

4♠ RKCB for hearts, 4♣♦ can be RKCB for ♣♦ (not always)

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
 2/4, low from doubleton 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
 UDCA

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK