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GENERAL APPROACH

5 card Major, better minor, strong NT

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 2♦

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 14+ to 17 3♣ 6+♦

NV3 14 to 16 3♦ 6+♥ slamish

5-card Major common 3♥ 6+♠ slamish

System on over 3♠ bal minors slamish+

2♣ Stayman Puppet

2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer

Forcing Stayman Smolen

2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (___denies)

2♠ ♣ or range ask Neg. Double

2NT Puppet stayman Other: _____

2NT 19+ to 21
Puppet Stayman

Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas

3♠ ♣

3NT _____ to _____
gambling _____

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 Splinter

Other: _____

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing 0 to 1

2NT: Forcing Inv. 10 to 15

3NT: _____ to _____

Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit

Other: _____

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: _____

Frequently bypass 4+♦

1NT/1♣ 7 to 11

2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12

3NT: 13 to 15

Other: _____

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty _____

Negative thru _____

Responsive : thru _____ Maximal

Support: Dbl. thru _____ Redbl

Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 17 Systems on

Conv. _____

Balancing: 9 to 15 (ask)

Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest

Conv. _____

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong _____ Weak _____

2♣ Both majors Both majors

2♦ 1 major ♥

2♥ ♥+minor ♠

2♠ ♠+minor 4♠+longer m

Dbl: 5+m, 4(+M) values

Other 2N = 4♥ + longer m vs weak

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 6 to 18 HCP (usually)

often 4 cards very light style

Responses

New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF

Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other _____

OPENING PREEMPTS

	Sound	Light	Very	Light
3/4-bids	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Conv./Resp. Wild at favourable

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"/>

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 7♥ Penalty

Conv. Takeout: _____

Lebensohl 2NT Response

Other: _____

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

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)
(A)K x	(A)K J x
K Q x	A J T 9
Q J x	K Q J x
J T 9	Q T 9 x
K Q T 9	J T 9 x

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best	vs SUITS <input type="checkbox"/>	vs NT <input type="checkbox"/>
3rd/5th Best	vs SUITS <input type="checkbox"/>	vs NT <input type="checkbox"/>

Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard:	vs SUITS	vs NT
Except <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upside-Down:

count	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odd/Even	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trump Suit Pref.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foster Echo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK