



### SPECIAL DOUBLES

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

### NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

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

NAMES Botwin/Skolnick SteelWheel/ASkolnick2

### GENERAL APPROACH

Precision  
**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  \_\_\_\_\_

### 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

### DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: strong \_\_\_\_\_ weak \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♣ ♣ + ♥ \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ or ♥/♠ \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♦ ♦ + ♥ \_\_\_\_\_ ♥ \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♥ natural \_\_\_\_\_ ♠ \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♠ natural \_\_\_\_\_ ♣ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dbl: ♠ + ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT  
10-12 to 1/2NV  
14-16 to other  
 5-card Major common   
 System on overart x, 2♣  
 2♣ Stayman  Puppet   
 2♦ Transfer to ♥  4♦, 4♥ Transfer   
 Forcing Stayman  Smolen   
 2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl  (Fast denies)  
 2♠ transfer to ♣ \_\_\_\_\_  
 2NT transfer to ♦ \_\_\_\_\_  
 3♣ puppet \_\_\_\_\_  
 3♦ 5/5 maj GI+ \_\_\_\_\_  
 3♥ 13(45) \_\_\_\_\_  
 3♠ 31(45) \_\_\_\_\_

### 2NT 6-11 to minors

Puppet Stayman   
**Transfer Responses:**  
 Jacoby  Texas   
 3♠ \_\_\_\_\_

3NT \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 solid minor little outside

### Conventional NT Openings

### 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     
 Minors     
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

### OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light  
 3/4-bids     
 Conv./Resp. \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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: 1♦/3♣ LR  
 Frequently bypass 4+♦   
 1NT/1♣ 8 to 13  
 2NT Forcing  Inv.  11 to 12  
 3NT: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other After 1♣: 1♦ - 0 to 7, 1M- 8+

### DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major  
 Natural    
 Strong T/O    
 Michaels

### VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout  thru 4♠ Penalty   
 Conv. Takeout: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lebensohl 2NT Response   
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**SLAM CONVENTIONS** Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430   
 exclusion

vs Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level: above 5 trump suit ROPI

### LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

| versus Suits              | versus Notrump               |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>x x</b> x x(x)x        | <b>x x</b> x(x)x(x)          |
| x x <b>x</b> x x x x(x)   | x(x)x x x x(x)x              |
| A(K)x <b>T</b> 9x         | A(K)J x A Q(J)x              |
| <b>K</b> Qx K <b>J</b> Tx | A <b>J</b> T9 A <b>T</b> 9x  |
| <b>Q</b> Jx K <b>T</b> 9x | <b>K</b> QJ x (K)Q T 9       |
| <b>J</b> T9 Q <b>T</b> 9x | <b>Q</b> JT x Q <b>T</b> 9x  |
| <b>K</b> Q T 9            | <b>J</b> T9 x <b>T</b> 9 x x |

#### LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS  vs NT   
 3rd/5th Best vs SUITS  vs NT   
 Rusinow vs all (except partner's suit & 5th Attitude vs NT)

### Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude  Count  Suit preference

### DEFENSIVE CARDING

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

#### FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal    
 Odd/Even

#### OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo    
 Trump Suit Pref.    
 Foster Echo

### SPECIAL CARDING

### PLEASE ASK