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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 dbl/2♣
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (Fast denies)
2♠ ♣ Neg. Double 3-level
2NT ♦ Other: _____

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ 3NT - minor suit slam try
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: _____
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
3NT: 13 to 15 w/2
Drury Reverse 2-Way Fit Limit
Other: 3C = 7-10, 4c support; 3D = Limit

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: J/S Om = mixed
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ _____ to _____
2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
3NT: 13 to 15
Other: _____

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: 11 to 15
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
Conv. _____

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: All
2♣ ♣+ another _____
2♦ ♦+ Maj _____
2♥ Hearts _____
2♠ Spades _____
Dbl: ♣, ♦ or Maj _____
Other: _____

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 to + HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style
Responses
New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
Jump Q = Mixed

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak
Int in balancing _____

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 4♠ 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 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