



NAMES Howard P & Mike C

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
14+ to 17
to
5-card Major common
System on over 2C & Dbl
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (D denies)
2♠ size/C Neg. Double
2NT Minors/D Other: Garb stym rdbl > 2C Baze 4D=BAL

2NT 19+ to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ > 3NT

3NT Gamb to
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 Splitter
Other: 3nt=good 4maj
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. to
3NT: to
Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other: Spiral

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♣ 7+ to 10
2NT Forcing Inv. 13 to 15
3NT: 16 to 17
Other: 2H=11/12 or Limit 2S=mixed

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ to HCP Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> 2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/>	kokish
2♦ to HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	rev ogust 2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
2♥ to HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	asks length 3C=5 2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
2♠ to HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	asks length 3C=5 2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp.

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game

WSO

poor mans BW

un/un FitsbyP/H Mathe over big club

SPECIAL DOUBLES

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

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 14 to 18 Systems on
Conv.
Balancing: 11 to 15
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. sys on

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: all bal or P/H
2♣ min/min&maj "
2♦ majors "
2♥ nat "
2♠ nat "
Dbl: pen clubs ph or pen
Other

SIMPLE OVERCALL

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

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
3/4-bids
Conv./Resp. Depends on Vul

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 1M > dbl transfer is const

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru Penalty
Conv. Takeout:
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: leaping mich

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
minorwood (same suit) 0314

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
K=power 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

rev smith
Smith Echo REV
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK