



SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: **Penalty** **1♠(2m/2♠+)**
 Negative thru **1m/♥/NT:2♣thru3♠**
 Responsive : thru **3♠** Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru **2 our MRedbl**
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
1m-(1R) X art: (1 lev)-X str usu bal

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: _____ to _____ Systems on
Conv. t/o. **(1X-1Y)-1N Nat 15-18**
Balancing: _____ 13 to _____ 16
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. **Str 2 unbid**

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GENERAL APPROACH

Strong **Weak** **1M/2m 1/2**. Legend: 1/2=1st/2nd seats, 3/4=3rd/4th
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** **1♦, 3/4 1♣**

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level **8+** to _____ HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
 cue usually fit

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: all _____
2♣ **5+♠4+♥** _____
2♦ **4+♠5+♥** _____
2♥ **♥** _____
2♠ **♠** _____
Dbl: UPH: Pen _____ PH: 5+m _____
Other both direct and balance _____

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT
1st/2nd to **12to14** **3♣ Stayman** _____
3rd/4th to **15to17** **3♦ Jacoby xfer ♥ GF** _____
 5-card Major common **3♥ Jacoby xfer ♠ GF** _____
 System on over 1/2 only **3♠ 5♠4♥ GF** _____
2♣ Stayman **Puppet** **system off 3rd/4th** _____
2♦ Transfer to ♥ **4♦, 4♥ Transfer** **SA** _____
Forcing Stayman **Smolen** _____
2♥ Transfer to ♠ **Lebensohl** (____ denies) _____
2♠ 4-5♠ 0-3♥ inv **Neg. Double** **3♠** _____
2NT inv in m or mm **Other:** 3/4: 15-17 no Maj _____

2NT **6+♠** to **1/2 15-17**
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby **Texas**
3♠ to play _____
3♣=GF ask, 4m SPL _____
3NT Gamble to _____
 solid m no side A/K 1/2 _____

Conventional NT Openings
 3/4: 2N=6+♠ 18-19

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong **Intermediate** **Weak**
8-16: 2 cheapest roman, 1♠-3♣ nat

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 system on _____

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
Conv./Resp. varies by vul; wider if PP

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length	4	5
1st/2nd 8-11	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3rd/4th 15-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**
Conv. Raise: **2NT** **3NT** **Splinter**
Other: **2♣GF; 2♦Art, Inv+; 2M/3mNF**
1NT: Forcing **Semi-forcing**
2NT: Forcing **Inv.** **no fit** to _____
3NT: _____ to _____
Drury **Reverse** **2-Way** **Fit**
Other: **could be canapé; 1♠ 0-3♥**
1♥-1♠ NF; fragment; 1/2♦ Drury

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. **Weak**
After Overcall: Force Inv. **Weak**
Forcing Raise: **J/S in other minor**
Single raise **Other:** **1♠-1♠ GF** _____
 Frequently bypass 4+♦ 1♦-1N+GF
1NT/1♣ _____ 0 to _____ 11-
2NT Forcing **Inv.** **1♣ inv to 1♦ GF** _____
3NT: _____ to _____
Other **1♦ str/1♣-1R=xfer**

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels
 over/under 2-suiter 4+M5+m

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru **4♥** **Penalty**
Conv. Takeout: **4N over 4♠**
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: _____

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
After GF, able to pattern out via relay system not in comp
P1stD2nd, P1stR2nd, PODE; relay break to 3M/4m inv KC
 vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: _____ ROPI

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits	versus Notrump
XX (X)(X)(X) XX (X)(X)(X)	XX (X)(X)(X) (X)(X)(X)
(X)(X)(X) (X)(X)(X) XX (X)(X)(X)	(X)(X)(X) (X)(X)(X) XX (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

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard: vs SUITS vs NT
 Except
UD exc. std. suit pref
tr echo asks ruff
 Upside-Down:
 count
 attitude
FIRST DISCARD
 Lavinthal
 Odd/Even
UD ATT
OTHER CARDING
 Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 4th lead if like in NT Attitude vs NT
A ATT/K CT/unb; ATT in P's st/switch
Primary signal to partner's leads
 Attitude Count Suit preference

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS

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2♣ 1/2N4+-9♠V vary HCP Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Natural nf 2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/> N 3/4: 5+, 1/2 V 6+	2♦ GF; 2M/3♦ inv-; 2N/3M/4♦ inv
2♦ " to " HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/> """, 0-3♠, 0-4♥	2♥GF; 2Nnf inv 5+♥ 2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
2♥ 1/2 10+ to 14 HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/> 5M4m31 or 6+M	3lower inv+ art, 2♠GF 2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
2♠ "4th to 13-14 HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/> ", 0-3♠, 3rd 0-14	"4m SPL 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.** 3/4: **1♣ 15-17- unbal art. force**
4th Suit Forcing: **1 Rd.** **Game** vs **Str ♣:** **1NT one suiter, dbl (54) ♠♦/♥♣**
 vs. **Str ♣:** **1 of a suit 4+cards 5+next, 2 of a suit 5+cards 4+next**

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK