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**GENERAL APPROACH**

short club with transfers

**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 15 to 17  
to  
3♣ to play  
3♦ 44(1/4) or 44(0/5)

5-card Major common  3♥ 4144 or 404/5  
System on over X, 2♣ 3♠ 1444 or 04(4/5)

2♣ Stayman  Puppet

2♦ Transfer to ♥  4♦, 4♥ Transfer

Forcing Stayman  Smolen

2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl  fast \*denies

2♠ INV+ or weak m Neg. Double

2NT GF Other: \* transfer lebensohl

2NT 20 to 21

Puppet Stayman

**Transfer Responses:**

Jacoby  Texas

3♠ relay to 3NT

(minors)

3NT \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

single major

**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: combined Bergen

1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing

2NT: Forcing  Inv.  \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

3NT: 13 to 16

Drury  Reverse  2-Way  Fit

1M - 2♣ = GF, relay

Other: 1M-2M, step = game try

**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♣ 8 to 10

2NT Forcing  Inv.  \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

3NT: 13 to 16

Other xfer response to 1♣

**DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS**

2♣ 18 to 19 HCP  
Strong  Other  balanced  
2♦ Resp: Neg  Waiting  transfers

2♦ 22+ to \_\_\_\_\_ HCP FG  
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  2♠ = xx  
2NT Force  New Suit NF

2♥ 5 to 10 HCP  
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  3♣ asks, 3♦ invites  
2NT Force  New Suit NF

2♠ 5 to 10 HCP  
Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  3♣ asks, 3♦ invites  
2NT Force  New Suit NF

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

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp.  Not in Comp.

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd.  Game  Unusual vs Unusual

transfers in competition

**SPECIAL DOUBLES**

After Overcall: Penalty  \_\_\_\_\_

Negative  thru 4♥

Responsive  : thru 4♥ Maximal

Support: Dbl.  thru \_\_\_\_\_ Redbl

Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O

**NOTRUMP OVERCALLS**

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on

Conv.  \_\_\_\_\_

Balancing: 13 to 15

Jump to 2NT: Minors  2 Lowest

Conv.  \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP**

vs: Strong \_\_\_\_\_ Weak \_\_\_\_\_

2♣ ♣ + major ♥ + ♠

2♦ ♦ + major ♥ OR ♠

2♥ ♥ \_\_\_\_\_ ♥ \_\_\_\_\_

2♠ ♠ \_\_\_\_\_ ♠ \_\_\_\_\_

Dbl: \*relay to 2♣ \*\*15 + hcp

Other \*X = ♣, ♦ or ♥ & ♠

\*\* system on

**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

transfer advances

**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 transfers

**OPENING PREEMPTS**

Sound Light Very Light

3/4-bids

Conv./Resp. \_\_\_\_\_

**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

specific kings, KC Gerber (1/4, 0/3, 2min, 2max)

kickback, mini-Gerber after pre-empts

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) 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

vs. NT: K count, AQJ attitude

vs. suit: K count, A attitude

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**