



NAMES Jim Foster and Bryan Howard

SPECIAL DOUBLES
 After Overcall: Penalty 4H
 Negative thru 4H Maximal
 Responsive : thru 4H Redbl
 Support: Dbl thru 2H Redbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
 Snappedragon

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS
 Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
 Conv. Q Major = 3 suited 7+HCP
 Balancing: 10 to 16
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
 Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP
 vs: By PH
 2♣ D or M/m C
 2♦ Majors D
 2♥ H H
 2♠ S S
 Dbl: penalty majors
 Other: _____

GENERAL APPROACH
 Precision
 Two Over One: Forcing Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid
 VERY LIGHT: Openings 3rd Hand Overcalls Preempts
 FORCING OPENING: 1♣ 2♣ Natural 2 Bids Other

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 1NT _____ to _____
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 2♠ → to C _____ Neg. Double 15-17
 2NT → to D _____ Other: XX→2C

MAJOR OPENING
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 1st/2nd
 3rd/4th
RESPONSES
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 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splinter
 Other: 1hr/2d & 1s/2h = limit+ 1s/2d =
 1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv. 13 to 17
 3NT: spl to _____
 Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Impossible 2S, 2d ask over drury
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 Other: IC/IH=8+5+S
 Frequently bypass 4+♦ 1C/1S=8-13
 1NT/1♣ 8+5+H to _____
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VS OPENS 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: trans resps after 1 level/X

VS Opening Preempts Double Is
 Takeout thru 4S Penalty
 Conv. Takeout: _____
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other: Roman Jumps vs 2M

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 minorwood, Kickback, preempt, keycard, exclusion RKC

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LENGTH LEADS:
 4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 Journalist after opening lead
 Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads
 Attitude Count Suit preference

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