



SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: **Penalty** _____
 Negative thru _____
 Responsive : thru _____ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2x - 1 Redbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
Snapdragon, Action _____

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv. _____
Balancing: 10(11) to 15(16)
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. 19-21 in Bal. _____

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GENERAL APPROACH

5-CARD MAJORS, 2/1 GF
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 _____

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 6 to 18 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style

Responses

New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
 JQ = MR, Xfer/X, 2N = LR, JS = Strong

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong **Intermediate** **Weak**
 System on _____

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
Conv./Resp. 4♣ = PKC (4♦/♣)

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels
 (1m)2♦ = Michaels. 2♣ Natural

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: SNT(14) WN(13poss)
 2♣ Majors Same
 2♦ ♦ + Major Same
 2♥ Natural Same
 2♠ Natural Same
 Dbl: Penalty Penalty
 Other BAL X SNT = ♣ + M or good
 2M bid or D. After pen x, 1st x t/o

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 Xfer/1M, JSomLR+, 1M-3♣ M

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru _____ Penalty
Conv. Takeout: _____
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other: Leaping Michaels. BML

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 14+ to 17
 to _____
 5-card Major common
 System on over Dbl. + 2♣
 2♣ Stayman Puppet
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
 Forcing Stayman Smolen Tfr Leb
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (slow denies)
 2♠ ♣ or range ask Neg. Double Nat. bids
 2NT Puppet Stayman Other: Many xfer in comp

2NT 20 to 21
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby Texas
 3♠ Puppet 3N, 1 or both minors (M's flag)
 3NT Gamb to ling
 No A or K 1st to 3rd

Conventional NT Openings

MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5
 1st/2nd
 3rd/4th 4-card rare

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splinter
 Other: 3♦ = LR, 2-tier spl.,
 1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
 3NT: _____ to _____
 Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other: 1♥ - 2♠ = 6+♠, < inv (2Nask)
 1M-3♣, 1♠-3♥ = Nat. Inv.

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 ^{NF} 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: 2♠ = LR
 Frequently bypass 4+♦
 1NT/1♣ 6 to 10
 2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Other 1♦-3♣ = Inv. 1m-3M pre

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 Exclusion (0314), Non-Serious 3N, 5N pick a slam, 4N TO, 4♣ ST
 4♣ Preempt Keycard (4♦/3♣), Minorwood, Jump Redwood
 vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5♥+ 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
 (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:
 Except
 Discards
 Standard present count
 Upside-Down:
 count
 attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
 Odd/Even
 Upside down

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo Rev
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ 22 to + HCP
 Strong Other Kokish (3♥ = ♥ + ♣) Cheaper m = dbl neg
 2♦ Resp: Neg Waiting 3M rebid = 4M + ♦
 2♦ 5 to 10 HCP 4M poss
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv. 2NT Force New Suit NF
 2♥ 5 to 10 HCP 5 poss NV. 4♠ poss
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv. 2NT Force New Suit NF
 2♠ 5 to 10 HCP 5 poss NV. 4♥ poss
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv. 2NT Force New Suit NF

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

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp. Only 1♥-2♠ (< inv)
 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game 2♠ is ♥ raise
 1m-J2red = Reverse Flannery. Resp. jump to 3new in comp = INV. Mod. Bart
 U vs. U (playability). Fit-Showing Jumps by PH. Forcing 3m rebid
 Over 2N rebid, 3♣ = chkbk, 3♦ = fit m

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK