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GENERAL APPROACH

NATURAL, 2/1

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 15 to 17

2♣ Stayman Puppet 4C, 4S -> ST

2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer Smolen

2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (fast denies)

2♠ C or size Neg. Double

2NT D or weak minors Other: Transfer Lebesohl

3♣ puppet stayman

3♦ 5/5 minors GF

3♥ 3 1 (5/4)

3♠ 1 3 (5/4)

4C/D/H/S = SI in H/S/C/D

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman

Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas

3♠ minor (s)

3NT to
solid minor, NO A or K

Conventional NT Openings

MAJOR OPENING

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

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak

After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak

Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splinter

Other: 3M+1-> mini splinter, 1H-2S, SSGB raise Other: GF(UPH), inv (PH)

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing

2NT: Forcing Inv. to

3NT: to

Drury Reverse 2-Way Fit

Other: PH -2NT=4 card inv with shortness 2NT in competition, inv with 4 cards

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

Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor

Frequently bypass 4+♦

1NT/1♣ 7 to 10

2NT Forcing Inv. 10+ to 12

3NT: 13 to 15

Other: 1m-2S inv (UPH), fit jump PH cards

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty

Negative thru 4h

Responsive : thru 4h Maximal

Support: Dbl. thru 3H Redbl

Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on

Conv.

Balancing: 11 to 15

Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest

Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: ALL Direct All Balancing

2♣ Majors Majors

2♦ ♥ natural

2♥ ♠ natural

2♠ ♠ + minor natural

Dbl: 5+minor, 4M 5+minor, 4M

Other vs weak no trump (MAX 15), dbl shows 14+ Hcp

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 17 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style

Responses

New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF

Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

F at 1 level

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound	Light	Very	Light
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3/4-bids	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conv./Resp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER:	Minor	Major
Natural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong T/O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michaels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4H Penalty

Conv. Takeout:

Lebensohl 2NT Response

Other:

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

1 over KC, 0/3, 1/4, 2, 2+Q. Even with void, Odd with Void

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5 over suit 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
(A) K x	(T) 9 x
(K) Q x	(J) T x
(Q) J x	(K) T 9 x
(J) T 9	(Q) T 9 x
(K) Q T 9	(J) T 9 x

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT

3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT

3rd and Low Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard:

Except

Upside-Down:

count

attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal

Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo revers

Trump Suit Pref.

Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK