



SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty _____
 Negative thru 4♠
 Responsive : thru 3♠ Maximal
 Support: Dbl. thru 2 of sui 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. _____

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GENERAL APPROACH

2 over 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 _____

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 18 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
 Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: weak (< 15) strong
 2♣ one-suit ♣+♥
 2♦ majors ♦+♥
 2♥ ♥+minor ♥+♠
 2♠ ♠+minor ♠+minor
 Dbl: penalty sys on one-suit
 Other _____

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 15 to 17
_____ to _____
 5-card Major common
 System on over X, 2♣
 2♣ Stayman Puppet
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
 Forcing Stayman Smolen
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (Fast denies)
 2♠ >3♣ gap accept Neg. Double _____
 2NT >3♦ gap accept Other: _____

2NT 20 to 21
 Puppet Stayman
 Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby Texas
 3♠ ->3NT slam try

3NT _____ to _____
 gambling, no A/K in 1/2
 Conventional NT Openings

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

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv./Resp. _____

2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
 Majors
 Minors
 Other _____

MAJOR OPENING

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

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 0-2 Conv.
 1♣
 1♦

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splitter
 Other: Jacoby

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
 Single raise Other: _____

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

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5 of our 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)	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: vs SUITS vs NT
 Except
 Upside-Down:
 count
 attitude

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 Attitude vs NT

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
 Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

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2♣ _____ to _____ HCP Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> 2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/>	strong, ART
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OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp. fit showing js in comp _____

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

Wolff, spiral (always 2NT) _____

lebensohl over reverses _____

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK