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SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty _____
Negative thru 4♥
Responsive : thru 4♥ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2♥ Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
Snapdragon _____

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv. _____
Balancing: 11 to 14/16
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. System on after Bal NT

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
Jump cue = mixed raise

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: S (Meckwell) W (Capp)
2♣ ♣ + higher single suit
2♦ ♦ + higher ♥ + ♠
2♥ ♥ ♥ + minor
2♠ ♠ ♠ + minor
Dbl: 1m or both M Penalty
Other System on over penalty dbl

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

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

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ transfer to 3NT:
maybe minors

3NT _____ to _____
Gambling
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
2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
Majors
Minors
Other 2♣/2♦ = 3/4 card constr raise

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
3/4-bids
Conv./Resp. New suit forcing

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: Bergen; 3♣ = limit; 2M = const

RESPONSES

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

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
Natural
Strong T/O
Michaels

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♠ Penalty
Conv. Takeout: 4NT
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: _____

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
Exclusion (14/30): specific kings for RCKB; Minorwood
4♣ preempt RKC (01122); cuebids = 1st or 2nd round control
vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5 trump 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:
Except
Upside-Down:
count
attitude
FIRST DISCARD
Lavinthal
Odd/Even

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
NT: A asks unblock or count, K asks attitude

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK

Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other: Drury on except over 1NT
Help suit game tries

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ 21+ to _____ HCP
Strong Other
2♦ Resp: Neg Waiting
2♦ 5 to 10 HCP usually 6 card
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2♥ 5 to 10 HCP usually 6 card
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2♠ 5 to 10 HCP usually 6 card
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.

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 (Lower = limit) Sandwich NT by PH only

Mathe over strong club Fit Bids by passed hand

4th suit relay over reverse McCabe if they double our weak 2-bid