



NAMES NICKELL-KATZ

GENERAL APPROACH

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 4m=Namyats

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 15 to 17
to _____
5-card Major common System on over D, 2C
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl FAST denies)
2♠ RANGE or CLUB Neg. Double
2NT DIAMONDS Other: TRANSFER LEB.

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ 1 OR 2 MINORS
SMOLEN
3NT _____ to _____
Minor Preempt

Conventional NT Openings

MAJOR OPENING

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

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
Conv. Raise: 2NT 3NT Splitter
Other: 3C=LR, 3M=MIXED Mini SP

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
3NT: _____ to _____
Drury: Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other: 1S-3H/1M-3D=INVITATIONAL
GAZILLI

MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 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: 3m=Mixed
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ _____ 7 _____ to _____ 10 _____
2NT Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
3NT: _____ 15 _____ to _____ 17 _____
Other 1D-3C=INV.

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ _____ to _____ HCP
Strong Other
2♦ Resp: Neg Waiting
2♦ 11 to 16 HCP Flannery
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2♥ 5 to 11 HCP
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
2♠ 5 to 11 HCP
Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF
Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp. INV JS BUPH. FIT JUMPS BPH
4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game UNUSUAL/UNUSAL
TRANSFER: 1. COMP OVER DOUBLES 2. AFTER 2NT REBIDS. 3. 1C-(1D)
1m (1M) 4m= TEXAS IN OM MATHE/STRONG 1C

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty _____
Negative thru _____
Responsive : thru 4H Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru _____ Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
1♣-1♦-transfers

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 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

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak
Int at unfav

OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light
3/4-bids
Conv./Resp. SPECIAL KC, Namyats

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
Natural
Strong T/O
Michaels
1C=2C=NATURAL 1m-2D=MAJOR

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
KICKBACK MINORWOOD

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: _____ 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)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

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
RUSINOW vs nt FROM 4, EXCEPT THE Q Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads
Attitude Count Suit preference

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv. _____
Balancing: 11 to 16
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. RANGE ASK/ BAL INT

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: STRONG WEAK
2♣ MAJORS _____
2♦ HEARTS _____
2♥ SPADES _____
2♠ NAT/GOOD _____
Dbl: MINOR/MAJ CARDS
Other _____

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 TRANSFERS/M 3D=MIXED

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru _____ Penalty
Conv. Takeout: _____
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: LEAPING MICHAELS

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT
Standard:
Except
Upside-Down:
count
attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK