



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: 11 to 15 _____
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
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 NFConst 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♦/3♣)

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: **SNT**(14) **WN**(13poss)
 2♣ **Majors** Same
 2♦ **+ Major** Same
 2♥ **Natural** Same
 2♠ **Natural** Same
 Dbl: **Penalty** **Penalty**
Other PH or BAL X = ♣ + 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+, 3m mixed

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**
 2♥ **Transfer to ♠** **Lebensohl (slow denies)**
 2♠ **♣ or range ask** **Neg. Double** **Nat. bids**
 2NT **Puppet Stayman** **Other:** _____

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., 1M (x) 3♣ = mixed raise
1NT: Forcing **Semi-forcing**
2NT: Forcing **Inv.** _____ to _____
3NT: _____ to _____
Drury **Reverse** **2-Way** **Fit**
Other: 1♥ - 2S = 6+♠, < inv (2N Ogust)
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**
Other: 2m+1 = LR
 Frequently bypass 4+♦
 1NT/1♣ 6 to 10
 2NT Forcing **Inv.** 11 to 12
 3NT: 13 to 15
Other WJS. 1♦-3♣ = Inv. 1m-3M pre

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 PKC, Exclusion (0314), Non-Serious 3N, 5N pick a slam, 4N TO, 4♣ slam
4♣ Preempt Keycard (4♦/3♣)
 vs Interference: **DOPI** **DEPO** Level: 5♥+ **ROPI**

LEADS (circle card led, if not in bold)

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| 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 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+ Attitude vs NT
SP at trick one vs. suits if no more tricks
Primary signal to partner's leads
 Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT
 Standard:
 Except
 Upside-Down:
 count
 attitude
FIRST DISCARD
 Lavinthal
 Odd/Even
Std
OTHER CARDING
 Smith Echo Std
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ 22 to + HCP
 Strong **Other** **Kokish (3H = H+)** **Cheaper m = dbl neg**
 2♦ Resp: **Neg** **Waiting** **Dbl. = dbl neg 3?+**

2♦ 5 to 10 HCP
 Natural: **Weak** **Intermediate** **Strong** **Conv.** **3♣ NF. Feature**

2♥ 5 to 10 HCP
 Natural: **Weak** **Intermediate** **Strong** **Conv.** **2NT Force** **New Suit NF**

2♠ 5 to 10 HCP
 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.**
4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. **Game** **1♠ Natural if GF.** **2♠ denies 4-card ♠**
 Wolff over 2N rebid, McCabe over Dbl of weak 2.. **U vs. U (playability).**
Fit-Showing Jumps by PH

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK