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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 4♣ & 4♦ Namys

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT
11-14 to 4th seat
14-16 to V-NV
5-card Major common
System on over x
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen supersmolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (fast denies)
2♠ xfer to ♣ Neg. Double
2NT xfer to ♦ Other:

2NT 19 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ transfer to 3nt
3NT to
Broken minor
Conventional NT Openings
1nt NV 1,2,3 10-12
1nt V-V 1,2,3 11-13

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: Rev bergen
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. to
3NT: 13 to 15
Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other:

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: J/S other m= inv
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ 6 to 10
2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
3NT: 13 to 15
Other WJS, Flip-flop

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty
Negative thru 4 ♠
Responsive : thru 3 ♠ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2 ♥ Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 14 to 17 Systems on
Conv.
Balancing: 10 to 13
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong weak
2♣ ♥ & ♠ ♥ & ♠
2♦ ♥ or ♠ Nat
2♥ ♥ and m Nat
2♠ ♠ and m Nat
Dbl: M4 + m5 +2 points
Other 2nt = ♣ & ♦

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 to 17 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style
Responses
New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

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

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
Natural
Strong T/O
Michaels

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 Jordan

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

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

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
Redwood, exclusion KC

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
(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
Attitude vs suit Attitude vs NT

Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude Count Suit preference

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard: vs SUITS vs NT
Except
Journalist vs nt
Upside-Down:
count
attitude
FIRST DISCARD
Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK