



SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: **Penalty** _____
 Negative thru 7♠
 Responsive : thru 4♠ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru Redbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
 dbl=strong nt+

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15+ to 18 Systems on
Conv. _____
Balancing: 10-14 mto 12-16 M
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
Conv. 17 - 21

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GENERAL APPROACH

Kaplan-Sheinwold
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 10 to 17 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style

Responses

New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
 transfer responses

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Weak _____ Strong _____
 2♣ Majors Majors
 2♦ 1 Major 1 Major
 2♥ 5♥+4+minor 5♥+4+minor
 2♠ 5♠+4+minor 5♠+4+minor
 Dbl: **Penalty** _____ **5+minor+4M** _____
 Other _____

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT
12 to 14
 _____ to _____
 5-card Major common
 System on over _____
 2♣ Stayman Puppet
 2♦ **Transfer to ♥** **4♦, 4♥ Transfer**
 Forcing Stayman **Smolen**
 2♥ **Transfer to ♠** **Lebensohl** (fast denies)
 2♠ **size ask or ♣** **Neg. Double** :-> 2♠
 2NT -> diamonds **Other:** _____

2NT 20 to 21
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby **Texas**
 3♠ asks for controls
 3nt, 4♣ transfers
3NT _____ to _____

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. 4♣ = special RKC

2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
 Majors
 Minors
 Other special transfers

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** **Splinter**
 Other: _____
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
 3NT: _____ to _____
Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other: special responses

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
 Single raise Other: **1♣/1♦** - 2h special
 Frequently bypass 4+♦
 1NT/1♣ 6 to 9
 2NT Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
 3NT: _____ to _____
 Other _____

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels
 Astro over minor & major

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

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

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 kickback

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5 & 6 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
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 suits and NT Attitude vs NT

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
 present count

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

<u>2♣</u> _____ to _____ HCP Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> 2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/>	2♥=7+ (no suit)	Kokish
<u>2♦</u> <u>11</u> to <u>14</u> HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	4-4-4-1 or 5-4-4	2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>2♥</u> <u>5</u> to <u>11</u> HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>		2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>2♠</u> <u>5</u> to <u>11</u> HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>		2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF transfers

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp.
 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game

Wolff signoff over 2NT rebid

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK