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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

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT
14+ to 17
to
5-card Major common System on over X, 2♣
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ **Transfer to ♥** **Forcing Stayman**
2♥ **Transfer to ♠**
2♠ **♣ or size**
2NT **♦ (3♦ s.a.)**

3♣ **Puppet**
3♦ **5-5 minors GF**
3♥ **3-1-(5, 4)**
3♠ **1-3-(5, 4)**
Garbage Stayman
4♦, 4♥ **Transfer**
Smolen **3**
Lebensohl **(dir denies)**
Neg. Double
Other: **xx->2♣**

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ ->3N:4m=Om 6+
optional KC response
3NT to
Solid m 1st & 2nd
Conventional NT Openings
After 2♣-2M: 4♦ **KC**
4♣ bal, 3oM unbal r

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: **1♥-3♠, 1♠-3N mini spl**
1NT: **Forcing** **Semi-forcing** **PH**
2NT: Forcing Inv. to
3NT: to
Drury : **Reverse** **2-Way** **Fit**
Other: **Kokish 2M+1, Short-suit GT**
1♥-3m, 1♠-3 any: nat inv

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:
Frequently bypass 4+♦
1NT/1♣ 8 to 10
2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
3NT: 13 to 15
Other:

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS

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2♣ <u>21+</u> to <u> </u> HCP Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Cheaper minor neg
2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/> Kokish (3♣=♥/2♠)	
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OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF xyz
Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp. FSJ in comp or by PH
4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game or 2N U/U: L=L Spiral GT Wolff
Pref only non-force/Reverse (2N stopper)
2N Lebensohl/ops' MQ

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv.
Balancing: 11 to 15
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
Conv.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: strong weak
2♣ **♦ or (♣+M)** **Majors**
2♦ **♦+M** **natural**
2♥ **natural**
2♠
Dbl: **♣ or (♥+♠)** **penalty, s. on**
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 2♣ good raise/1M-X

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♥ Penalty
Conv. Takeout: **Q asks stop or 2 low**
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: **Leaping Michaels**

SPECIAL DOUBLES

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

SIMPLE OVERCALL

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

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

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

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
Natural
Strong T/O
Michaels

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
Redwood, Exclusion 1430, Void over RKC: 5N even, 6 level odd # of KC
RKC if suit agreed or jump bid, Specific Ks, 4C/Our preempt asks 5-step KC
vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 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
(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 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

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo Rev
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING **PLEASE ASK**