

SPECIAL DOUBLES

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

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 9 to 15 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards ☐ very light style ☐
Responses
New Suit: Forcing ☐ NFConst ☒ NF ☐
Jump Raise: Forcing ☐ Inv. ☐ Weak ☒

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong ☐ Intermediate ☐ Weak ☒

OPENING PREEMPTS

3/4-bids Sound Light Very Light
☐ ☒ ☐ ☐
Conv./Resp. _____

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major Artif. Bid
Natural ☐ ☐ ☐
Strong T/O ☐ ☐ ☐
Michaels ☒ ☒ ☒

SLAM CONVENTIONS

Gerber ☒: 4NT: Blackwood ☒ RKC ☐ 1430 ☐
Voidwood responses to Blackwood: 6-level shows void + 1 or 3A, 5NT = void + 2A
vs Interference: DOPI ☒ DEPO ☒ Level: DOPI through 5♥ 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
AKx	T 9 x	AKJ 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 ☐

Top of 4+ without honor
Primary signal to partner's leads
Attitude ☒ Count ☐ Suit preference ☐

SPECIAL CARDING

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 14 to 17 Systems on ☒
Conv. ☐
Balancing: 12 to 17
Jump to 2NT: Minors ☐ 2 Lowest ☒
Conv. ☐

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong (incl. 16) Weak (15-)
2♣ ♠+another ♠+another
2♦ ♦+major ♦+major
2♥ ♥+♠ ♥+♠
2♠ long weak ♠ long weak ♠
Dbl: one-suiter equiv. values
Other DONT
vs. weak, 2NT=15-17, systems on

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 _____

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout ☒ thru 4♦ Penalty ☐
Conv. Takeout: _____
Lebensohl 2NT Response ☐
Other: _____

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard: ☒ ☒
Except ☒
Suit pref to A lead
Upside-Down
count ☐ ☐
attitude ☐ ☐

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal ☒ ☒
Odd/Even ☐ ☐

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo ☐ ☐
Trump Suit Pref. ☐ ☐
Foster Echo ☐ ☐

PLEASE ASK

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GENERAL APPROACH

Precision

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 13 to 15
to
5-card Major common ☐
System on over X, 2♣
2♣ Stayman ☒ Puppet ☐
2♦ Transfer to ♥ ☒ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer ☒
Forcing Stayman ☐ Smolen ☒
2♥ Transfer to ♠ ☒ Lebensohl ☒ (fast denies)
2♠ Transfer to ♣ ☒ Neg. Double ☒: 3-level
2NT Transfer to ♦ ☒ Other: _____

2NT 22 to 24

Puppet Stayman ☐

Transfer Responses:
Jacoby ☒ Texas ☒

3♠ Minor Suit Stayman

3NT _____ to _____

Gambling, no outside A/K

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 ☐ Splinter ☒
Other: 2NT Jacoby
1NT: Forcing ☐ Semi-forcing ☐
2NT: Forcing ☐ Inv. ☐ to _____
3NT: 12 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: _____
Frequently bypass 4+♦ ☐
1NT/1♣ 6 to 9
2NT Forcing ☐ Inv. ☒ 10 to 12
3NT 12 to 15
Other: _____

DESCRIBE

RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ 11 to 15 HCP
Strong ☐ Other ☒ 6+♠, or 5♠ with 4-card major
2♦ Resp: Neg ☐ Waiting ☐
2♦ 11 to 15 HCP 0-1♦, no 5-card major
Natural: Weak ☐ Intermediate ☐ Strong ☐ Conv. ☒ 2NT Force ☐ New Suit NF ☐
2♥ 5 to 11 HCP Weak, preemptive
Natural: Weak ☒ Intermediate ☐ Strong ☐ Conv. ☐ 2NT Force ☒ New Suit NF ☒
2♠ 5 to 11 HCP Weak, preemptive
Natural: Weak ☒ Intermediate ☐ Strong ☐ Conv. ☐ 2NT Force ☒ New Suit NF ☒

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

Weak Jump Shifts not in Comp. ☐ p.h. 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Round ☐ Game ☒

Help suit game tries

Superaccept Jacoby transfers: 4-card support, maximum, opt. doubleton