

## 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  NFC<sup>Const</sup>  NF   
 Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak

## JUMP OVERCALL

Strong  Intermediate  Weak

## OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound	Light	Very Light	
3/4-bids	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conv./Resp. <input type="checkbox"/>			

## DIRECT CUEBID

OVER:	Minor	Major	Artif. Bid
Natural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong T/O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michaels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## SLAM CONVENTIONS

Gerber  4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430   
 Pointwood by responder to 2♦ opening: bid points outside of controls, 5♦=0-1, 5♦=2-3, ...  
 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		
<b>x x</b>	<b>xxx</b>	<b>x x</b>	<b>xxx</b>
<b>xxx</b>	<b>xxxx</b>	<b>xxx</b>	<b>xxxx</b>
<b>AKx</b>	<b>T 9 x</b>	<b>AKJx</b>	<b>A Q J x</b>
<b>KQx</b>	<b>K J T x</b>	<b>A J T 9</b>	<b>A T 9 x</b>
<b>Q J x</b>	<b>K T 9 x</b>	<b>K Q J x</b>	<b>K Q T 9</b>
<b>J T 9</b>	<b>Q T 9 x</b>	<b>Q J T x</b>	<b>Q T 9 x</b>
<b>K Q T 9</b>	<b>J T 9 x</b>	<b>J T 9 x</b>	<b>T 9 x x</b>

### LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best	vs Suits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	vs NT <input type="checkbox"/>
3rd/5th Best	vs Suits <input type="checkbox"/>	vs NT <input type="checkbox"/>
Attitude vs NT <input type="checkbox"/>		
Top of suit 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

## VS Opening Preempts Double Is

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

## DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Except:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Suit pref to A lead		

Upside-Down	count <input type="checkbox"/>	attitude <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>		

## FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odd/Even	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trump Suit Pref.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foster Echo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## PLEASE ASK

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## GENERAL APPROACH

### Standard American

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	<b>15</b> to <b>17</b>	3♣ Natural game forcing
	to <input type="checkbox"/>	3♦ <input type="checkbox"/>
5-card Major common	<input type="checkbox"/>	3♥ <input type="checkbox"/>
System on over X, 2♣	<input type="checkbox"/>	3♠ <input type="checkbox"/>
2♣ Stayman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Puppet <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4♦, 4♥ Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2♦ Transfer to ♦ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Forcing Stayman <input type="checkbox"/>	Smolen <input type="checkbox"/>
2♥ Transfer to ♦ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lebensohl <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (fast denies)	Conventional NT Openings <input type="checkbox"/>
2♣ Transfer to ♣ <input type="checkbox"/>	Neg. Double <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-level	Other: <input type="checkbox"/>
2NT Transfer to ♦ <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: <input type="checkbox"/>	

## MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length	4	5	NF
1st/2nd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0-2 Conv.
3rd/4th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1♦ <input type="checkbox"/>

## 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♣	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1♦	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 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

**2♣** **21** to **+** HCP  
 Strong  Other  Strong, forcing

Controls: A=2, K=1; 2♦=0-1, 2♦=2, 2♣=1A+1K, 2NT=3K, 3♣=4+

2♦ Resp: Neg  Waiting

Weak, preemptive  Ogust

Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  2NT Force  New Suit NF

**2♥** **5** to **11** HCP Weak, preemptive  Ogust

Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  2NT Force  New Suit NF

**2♠** **5** to **11** HCP Weak, preemptive  Ogust

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/slam tries; Unusual over unusual

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

DONT over strong 2♦, artificial 1♦