

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^{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 Artif. Bid
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels

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
x x	x x x x
xx x	x x x x x
AK x	T 9 x
KQ x	K J T x
Q J x	K T 9 x
J T 9	Q T 9 x
KQT 9	J T 9 x

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"/>	

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 type="checkbox"/>	

Upside-Down

count	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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	15 to 17	3♣ Natural game forcing
	to	3♦
5-card Major common	<input type="checkbox"/>	3♥
System on over X, 2♣	<input type="checkbox"/>	3♠
2♣ Stayman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Puppet <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2♦ Transfer to ♦ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4♦, 4♥ Transfer <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)	
2♣ Transfer to ♣ <input type="checkbox"/>	Neg. Double <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> : 3-level	
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"/>	
3rd/4th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1♦	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 25 HCP	Strong <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Strong, forcing	Controls: A=2, K=1; 2♦=0-1,
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2♦	Resp: Neg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waiting <input type="checkbox"/>	Waiting	2♦=2, 2♣=1A+1K, 2NT=3K, 3♦=4+
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2♦	5 to 11 HCP	Weak, preemptive	Ogust	
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Natural: Weak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/>	Strong <input type="checkbox"/>	Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	2NT Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
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2♥	5 to 11 HCP	Weak, preemptive	Ogust	
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2♠	5 to 11 HCP	Weak, preemptive	Ogust	
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Natural: Weak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/>	Strong <input type="checkbox"/>	Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	2NT Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
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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