

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 ☐
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	x x	x x x (X)
(X) x x	x x x x x	x x x	x x x x x
(AK) x	T 9 x	(AK) 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 ☐

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 ☐
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

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

3♣ Natural, game forcing

3♦

3♥

3♠

4♦, 4♥ Transfer ☒

Smolen ☐

Lebensohl ☒ (**fast denies**)

Neg. Double ☒: 3-level

Other: ☐

2NT 20 to 21

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	<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 checked="" 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 HCP
Strong ☒ **Other** ☐
2♦ Resp: **Neg** ☒ **Waiting** ☐

Strong, forcing

2♦ 5 to 11 HCP **Weak, preemptive**

Natural: **Weak** ☒ **Intermediate** ☐ **Strong** ☐ **Conv.** ☐

2♥ 5 to 11 HCP **Weak, preemptive**

Natural: **Weak** ☒ **Intermediate** ☐ **Strong** ☐ **Conv.** ☐

2♠ 5 to 11 HCP **Weak, preemptive**

Natural: **Weak** ☒ **Intermediate** ☐ **Strong** ☐ **Conv.** ☐

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

RESPONSES/REBIDS

Controls: A=2, K=1; 2♦=0-1,

2♥=2, 2♠=1A+1K, 2NT=3K, 3♠=4+

Ogust

2NT Force ☒ **New Suit NF** ☐

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