

SPECIAL DOUBLES
 After Overcall: Penalty
 Negative thru 4♥
 Responsive: thru 4♥ Maximal
 Support: Dbl thru 2 our suit Rdbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
 snapdragon

SIMPLE OVERCALL
 1-level 8 to 17 HCP (usually)
 Often 4 cards Very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

JUMP OVERCALL
 Strong Intermediate Weak
 leaping Michaels

OPENING PREEMPTS
 Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv./Resp.

DIRECT CUEBID
 Over: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 kickback non serious 3nt 5nt pick a slam

vs. Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5♥+ ROPI

LEADS (click 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
A K x	10 9 x	A K J x	A Q J x
K Q x	K 10 9 x	A J 10 9	A 10 9 8
J x	K 10 9 x	K Q J x	K Q 10 9
J 10 x	Q 10 9 x	Q J 10 x	Q 10 9 8
K Q 10 9	J 10 9 x	10 9 8 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
 Upside-Down Attitude

FIRST DISCARD
 Lavinthal
 Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING
 Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS
 Direct: 16 to 18 Systems on
 Conv.
 Balance: 11 to 15
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
 Conv. 2♣ stayman transfers

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP
 vs: strong weak (inc 12)
 2♣ ♠ + ♥ Majors
 2♦ ♦ + ♥ 1 Major
 2♥ nat ♥ + m
 2♠ nat ♠ = m
 Dbl ♠ + another Pen
 Other:

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE
 New Suit Forcing: 1-level 2-level
 Redouble implies no fit
 2NT Over Limit + Limit Weak
 Majors
 Minors
 Other:

VS OPENING PREEMPT DOUBLE IS
 Takeout thru 4♠ Penalty
 Conv. Takeout:
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other:

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GENERAL APPROACH
 Standard American with Gadgets
 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 3♣ Puppet Stayman
 14+ to 17 3♣ 5-5 minors
 to 3♥ short ♥ 4♠ poss
 5-Card Major Common 3♠ short ♠
 System On Over 2♣ Art X
 2♣ Stayman Puppet
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
 Forcing Stayman Smolen
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (fast denies)
 2♠ ♣ or range ask Negative Double
 2NT weak minors or ♠ trans leb. garbage

2NT 20 to 21
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby Texas
 3♠ 1/2 minors
 3NT to
 Solid Maj. nothing
Conventional NT Openings
 side A/K 1st and 2nd

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: many mixed raises
 Jacoby

MINOR OPENING
 Expected Min. Length 4 3 NF 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: 1-3 mixed
 Frequently bypass 4♦
 1NT/1♣: 6 to 9+
 2NT: Forcing Inv. to
 3NT: 16 to 18
 Other: 1m/4♠ = ♥, 4♦ = ♣

1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv. to
 3NT: to
 Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other: 3 under 1nv 2 way splinter

DESCRIBE
 2♣ 22 to HCP
 Strong Other
 2♦ Response: Neg Waiting
 2♠ 5 to 12 HCP
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv
 2♥ 5 to 12 HCP occ 5/7 cards
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv
 2♠ 5 to 12 HCP occ 5/7 cards
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv

RESPONSES/REBIDS
 Step control
 3nt solid suit by R
 3/4 suit=good suit.
 3♣ NF
 2NT Force New Suit NF
 3m NF 4♠/4♥ GF
 2NT Force New Suit NF
 3m NF 4♠/4♥ GF
 2NT Force New Suit NF

OTHER CONV CALLS: New Minor Forcing 2-Way NMF
 Weak jump shifts: In Comp. Not In Comp.
 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Round To Game
 unusual vs unusual. many art mixed raises and transfers in comp
 card showing doubles Equal level conversion trf after 2nt rebid

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