

**SPECIAL DOUBLES**

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

**SIMPLE OVERCALL**

1 level 8 to 16 HCP (usually)   
 often 4 cards  very light style    
**Responses**   
 New Suit: Forcing  NConst  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   
 Natural     
 Strong T/O     
 Michaels

**SLAM CONVENTIONS** Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430    
 RKC1430 + 2or5 :)

vs Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level:      ROPI

**LEADS** (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits		versus Notrump	
<b>X X</b>	X X X X	<b>X X</b>	X X X X
<b>⊗ X X</b>	X X X X X	<b>X X X</b>	X X X X X
<b>⊙ A K x</b>	T 9 x	<b>⊙ A K J x</b>	A Q J x
<b>K Q x</b>	K J T x	<b>A J T 9</b>	A T 9 x
<b>Q J x</b>	K T 9 x	<b>K Q J x</b>	K Q T 9
<b>J T 9</b>	Q T 9 x	<b>Q J T x</b>	Q T 9 x
<b>K Q T 9</b>	J T 9 x	<b>T 9 x x</b>	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:** 15 to 18 Systems on    
 Conv.    
**Balancing:**      to        
 Jump to 2NT: Minors  2Lowest    
 Conv.

**DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP**

**vs:** Vul / NV   
 2♣ long minor or 4-5J-4 major/minor   
 2♦ both majors   
 2♥        
 2♠        
 Dbl: penalty   
 Other:     

**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 3 **Penalty**    
 Conv. Takeout:        
 Lebensohl 2NT Response    
 Other:     

**DEFENSIVE CARDING**

Standard:  vs SUITS  vs NT    
 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        
 2♣ Stayman  Puppet    
 2♦ Transfer to ♥    
 Forcing Stayman    
 2♥ Transfer to ♠    
 2♠ Minor Suit stayman   
 2NT xfer to 3♣ (wk minor)   
 3♣ invitational   
 3♦ invitational   
 3♥ splinter   
 3♠ splinter   
 4♦, 4♥ Transfer    
 Smolen    
 Lebensohl  (     denies)   
 Neg. Double ; leben. off over 2♣   
 Other: 4th suit xfer over DBL. rebids: ♠, ♣, ♠, ♣ etc

2NT 20 to 21

Puppet Stayman    
**Transfer Responses:**   
 Jacoby  Texas    
 3♠     

3NT gambling to     

**Conventional NT Openings**   
 garbage stayman     

**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:     

1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing

2NT: Forcing  Inv.       to     

3NT:      to     

Drury : Reverse  2-Way  Fit

Other:     

**MINOR OPENING**

Expected Min. Length 4 3 <sup>NF</sup> 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 10

2NT Forcing  Inv.  11 to 12

3NT: 13 to 15

Other: cris-cross (jumpshift to other minor = limit raise)

**DESCRIBE****RESPONSES/REBIDS**

2♣ 22 to      + HCP   
 Strong  Other       or 8.5 qt   
 2♦ Resp: Neg  Waiting    
 2♦=K or less, 2♥=A or 2K,   
 2♠=A&K, 2N=3K

2♦ 5 to 11 HCP   
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.    
 Step rebids over 2N: 3♠=max, 3♦=int, 3M=min, 3N=runnable   
 2NT Force  New Suit NF

2♥ 5 to 11 HCP   
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.    
 Step rebids   
 2NT Force  New Suit NF

2♠ 5 to 11 HCP   
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.    
 Step rebids   
 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 Rd.  Game       fitting jump-shifts

leaping Michaels; checkback 2N after 1m-1M-2M sequence;     

checkback club (similar to NMF); leaping Michaels: 4♣=♣+OM

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