

SPECIAL DOUBLES
 After Overcall: Penalty _____
 Negative thru 3S
 Responsive : thru 4D Maximal
 Support: Dbl. thru 2H Redbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

SIMPLE OVERCALL
 1 level 8 to 15 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
 1C2D and 1D3C overcalls=Flannery

JUMP OVERCALL
 Strong Intermediate Weak
 Intermediate in balancing seat

OPENING PREEMPTS
 Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv./Resp. No outside Ace

DIRECT CUEBID
 OVER: Minor Major Artif. Bids
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels
 Modified (mini-maxi)

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 4 of agreed minor after bypassing 3NT is RKC
 Exclusion, Specific Kings, Boland when 4NT or 5NT is invitational
 vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: _____ 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
ⒶK x	T 9 x	ⒶK 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 x	Q T 9 x	Q J T x	Q T 9 x
K Q T 9	J T 9 x	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: 15 to 18 Systems On
 Conv. _____
 Balancing: 11 to 14
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
 Conv. Mini maxi system on over bal.

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP
 vs: Strong/Weak Weak-Suction
 2♣ CDHS D or HS
 2♦ HS H or CS
 2♥ H+CD S or CD
 2♠ S+CD C or DH
 Dbl: T.O.(weak) Non touching
 Other 2NT=CD

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 3S Penalty
 Conv. Takeout: _____
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other: Leaping Michaels

DEFENSIVE CARDING
 vs SUITS vs NT
 Standard:
 Except
 AQ asks attitude, K asks count
 Coded 9/10 always
 Upside-Down:
 count
 attitude

FIRST DISCARD
 Lavinthal
 Odd/Even
 Upside down

OTHER CARDING
 Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

PLEASE ASK

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GENERAL APPROACH
 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 Walsh

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 15 to 17	3♣ 5C 5D weak	2NT 20 to 21
to	3♦ 5C 5D forcing	Puppet Stayman <input type="checkbox"/>
5-card Major common <input type="checkbox"/>	3♥ splinter	Transfer Responses: Jacoby <input type="checkbox"/> Texas <input type="checkbox"/>
System on over 2C X	3♠ splinter	3♠ Relay to 3NT
2♣ Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> Puppet <input type="checkbox"/>	3 other major slam try	Puppet 3D denies 5-major
2♦ Transfer to ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	4♦, 4♥ Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	3NT _____ to _____
Forcing Stayman <input type="checkbox"/>	Smolen <input type="checkbox"/>	Strong major-no other A
2♥ Transfer to ♠ <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Lebensohl <input type="checkbox"/> (Dir. denies)	Conventional NT Openings
2♠ Transfer to C	Neg. Double <input type="checkbox"/>	Smolen 2H=5/4-4/5 8/9 pts
2NT Transfer to D	Other: Super acceptance	Boland Phoney 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: 5-step Bergen(2nd step Jacoby)Cons
 1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
 2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other: 2C=4HS, 8-11//2D=3HS limit

MINOR OPENING NF 0-2 Conv.
 Expected Min. Length 4 3
 1♣
 1♦

RESPONSES
 Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
 Single raise Other: Criss cross limit
 Frequently bypass 4 + ♦
 1NT/1♣ 8 to 10
 2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Other: Mitchell NT/RevFlannery 1D2H=5S4H

DESCRIBE or 5 loser
 2♣ 20+ to _____ HCP
 Strong Other
 2♦ Resp: Neg. Waiting
 2♦ 11 to 16 HCP Flannery
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
 2♥ 5 to 11 HCP
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.
 2♠ 5 to 11 HCP
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: _____ 2-Way NMF Clubs only
 Weak Jump Shifts not in Comp. _____ 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Round Game
 3CD:4C=HS:4D=1suit:4HS=+CD,no name,2NT scramble,Good bad 2NT,Astro cue 6/4
 Suction over big C, Lebensohl over reverse+2 level TOX, Un/un lower/lower,higher/higher
 1NTP2CX-Pno4HS,XXmaxH,2DmaxS,2HSmin//1NTtrfX-Pno3support,xx3max.2HS3min

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