



### SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Negative  thru \_\_\_\_\_ 4S  
 Responsive  : thru \_\_\_\_\_ 4H Maximal   
 Support: Dbl.  thru \_\_\_\_\_ Redbl   
 Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O

### NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on   
 Conv.  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Balancing: 11 to 14  
 Jump to 2NT: Minors  2Lowest   
 Conv.  \_\_\_\_\_

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### GENERAL APPROACH

Weak NT/Forcing 1 Level Opens/Intermediate 2 level Opens  
 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  1D \_\_\_\_\_

### SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 7 to 18 HCP (usually)  
 often 4 cards  very light style   
 Responses  
 New Suit: Forcing  NF Const  NF   
 Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak

### DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: strong \_\_\_\_\_ weak \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♣ majors \_\_\_\_\_ majors \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♦ D + major \_\_\_\_\_ D + major \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♥ hearts \_\_\_\_\_ hearts \_\_\_\_\_  
 2♠ hearts \_\_\_\_\_ hearts \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dbl: clubs + Major penalty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other 2N Minors \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 12 to 14  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 5-card Major common   
 System on over X/2C  
 2♣ Stayman  Puppet   
 2♦ Transfer to ♥  4♦, 4♥ Transfer   
 Forcing Stayman  Smolen   
 2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl ( F denies )  
 2♠ C or Range ?? Neg. Double  \_\_\_\_\_  
 2NT Diamonds \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2NT 21 to 21  
 Puppet Stayman   
 Transfer Responses:  
 Jacoby  Texas   
 3♠ relay to 3N  
 Minor oriented 25 \_\_\_\_\_

3NT 24 to \_\_\_\_\_

### Conventional NT Openings

### JUMP OVERCALL

Strong  Intermediate  Weak

### OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1 level  2 level   
 Jump Shift: Forcing  Inv.  Weak   
 Redouble implies no fit

### OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light  
 3/4-bids      
 Conv./Resp. \_\_\_\_\_

### 2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak

Majors     
 Minors     
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

### MAJOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 5  
 1st/2nd    
 3rd/4th

### 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   
 Conv. Raise: 2NT  3NT  Splinter   
 Other: 3C: 4T GF; 3D 3T GF

### RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force  Inv.  Weak   
 After Overcall: Force  Inv.  Weak   
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor   
 Single raise  Other: 2S

### DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major  
 Natural    
 Strong T/O    
 Michaels

### VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout  thru 4S Penalty   
 Conv. Takeout: 4N  
 Lebensohl 2NT Response   
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430   
 1430 Kickback 1430 gerber

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  
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 A (K) x T (9) x A K J x A Q J x  
 K (Q) x K J T x A J T (9) x A T (9) x  
 Q (J) x K T (9) x K Q J x K Q T (9) x  
 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

### DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT  
 Standard:    
 Except   
 Upside-Down:  
 count    
 attitude

### FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal    
 Odd/Even

### OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo    
 Trump Suit Pref.    
 Foster Echo

### LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best vs SUITS  vs NT   
 3rd/5th Best vs SUITS  vs NT   
 Rusinow Honor Leads Attitude vs NT   
 V NT = A = Att, K count/unblock

### Primary signal to partner's leads

Attitude  Count  Suit preference

### SPECIAL CARDING

### PLEASE ASK

### DESCRIBE

### RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ 10 to 14 HCP  
 Strong  Other  6+ C or 5+ C & short  
 2♦ Resp: Neg  Waiting   
 2♦ 10 to 13 HCP Maj 4-5/5-4 or better  
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  2NT Force  New Suit NF   
 2♥ 10 to 13 HCP 6+ H or 5+ H & short  
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  2NT Force  New Suit NF   
 2♠ 10 to 13 HCP 6+ S or 5+ S & short  
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  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   
 1C opening 15+ w/ clubs or 15-20 balanced  
 1D opening 11+ w/ 4 diamonds, unbalanced