



### SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: **Penalty**  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Negative  thru 7♥  
 Responsive  : thru 7♥ Maximal   
 Support: Dbl.  thru Redbl   
 Card-showing  Min. Offshape T/O   
 Most X of part-scores for T/O

### NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

**Direct:** 16 to 18 Systems on   
**Conv.**  Sys on/balancing NTs also  
**Balancing:** 11-14 / mtol 1+-16/M  
 Jump to 2NT: Minors  2 Lowest   
**Conv.**  Range ask Stayman / Bal

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### GENERAL APPROACH

**Standard American. 1NT opening can have 5♥**  
**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

### SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 to 18 HCP (usually)  
 often 4 cards  very light style

#### Responses

New Suit: Forcing  NFConst  NF   
 Jump Raise: Forcing  Inv.  Weak   
 JQ = mixed raise, 4ST/X/1M

### JUMP OVERCALL

Strong  Intermediate  Weak

### OPENING PREEMPTS

Sound Light Very Light  
 3/4-bids     
 Conv./Resp. 4m modified RKCB

### DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major  
 Natural    
 Strong T/O    
 Michaels

### DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: strong (16) weak & PH  
 2♣ majors majors  
 2♦ 1-Major 1-Major  
 2♥ ♥+ minor ♥+ minor  
 2♠ ♠+ minor ♠+ minor  
 Dbl: 5m+4M penalty (no FP)  
 Other: Neg X after X

### 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 4ST/1M, 3M-1=Mixed

### VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout  thru 4♠ Penalty   
 Conv. Takeout: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lebensohl 2NT Response   
 Other: Slow shows 4OM

### NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT 15 to 17  
16-17 to w/4-4M  
 5-card Major common   
 System on over Art X, 2♣  
 2♣ Stayman  Puppet   
 2♦ Transfer to ♥  4♦, 4♥ Transfer  ST  
 Forcing Stayman  Smolen  On in comp  
 2♥ Transfer to ♠  Lebensohl  (Cue denies)  
 2♠ ♣ w/denial Neg. Double  3♠  
 2NT ♦ w/denial Other: 1430 RKC Baze

3♣ minors INV  
 3♦ minors GF  
 3♥ 31(45)  
 3♠ 13(45)  
 2♣.2♠ = 5, 2♦.2♠ = INV

2NT 20 to 21  
 Puppet Stayman   
**Transfer Responses:**  
 Jacoby  Texas   
 3♠ -> 3N, 1 or 2 m  
 4m = om, 4M = 55 short

3NT \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Solid m, 3 side stoppers

**Conventional NT Openings**  
 NS = SPL/minor xfr

### 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: 3M = mixed/o'call  
 1NT: Forcing  Semi-forcing   
 2NT: Forcing  Inv.  \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 3NT: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Drury : Reverse  2-Way  Fit   
 Other: 2N by PH = ♣ fit

### MINOR OPENING

Expected Min. Length 4 3 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: Same by PH   
 Frequently bypass 4+♦   
 1NT/1♣ 6 to 10  
 2NT Forcing  Inv.  11 to 12  
 3NT: 16 to 17  
 Other: 1m1♥1♠=4+m, 3X=PRE, JR=mSPL

**SLAM CONVENTIONS** Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood  RKC  1430   
 Seldom Exclusion Non-serious 3N 5N usually choice of slams.  
 No Kickback Seldom fast arrival  
 vs Interference: DOPI  DEPO  Level: above 5x ROPI

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

versus Suits	versus Notrump
<b>xx</b> x x(x) <b>xx</b>	<b>xx</b> x(x)x x
x x(x) x x x x(x)	x(x)x x x(x)x x
(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 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

### DEFENSIVE CARDING

vs SUITS vs NT  
 Standard:    
 Except   
 Obvious shift principle  
 SP when dummy is short

Upside-Down:  
 Std pres count    
 attitude

#### FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal    
 Odd/Even

#### OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo    
 Trump Suit Pref.    
 Foster Echo

### DESCRIBE

### RESPONSES/REBIDS

2♣ 22 to 36 HCP  
 Strong  Other  or 9+ tricks  
 2♦ Resp: Neg  Waiting  cheapest 3m 2nd neg  
 Kokish, Raptor, Dbl = PEN

2♦ 5 to 10 HCP 6 cards 1,2&4  
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  2NT Force  New Suit NF

2♥ 5 to 10 HCP 6 cards 1,2&4  
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  2NT Force  New Suit NF

2♠ 5 to 10 HCP 6 cards 1,2&4  
 Natural: Weak  Intermediate  Strong  Conv.  2NT Force  New Suit NF

### OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF PH/UPH / 1M

Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp.  Not in Comp.  FSJ / o'call of 1M and by PH

4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd.  Game  UPH INV JS @ 3

Dbl of P/C bid is for Pen. UoU (lower->lower, INV+, 3S = F)

Ret. to suit weakest in comp. Sandwich Q = natural.

4ST/2N rebids. Keller.

## SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK