

SLAM CONVENTIONS

4NT: Blackwood RKC-3041 RKC-1430
 4♣: Gerber only over No-Trump
 Last train Blue Club cues Kickback DFPS/RFPS/DOPE

DOUBLES

After Suit Overcall 1♣ (1♦) Dbl = 4♥
 Negative: thru 4♥
 Responsive: thru 4♥
 Support: Dbl thru ___ Redouble
 Dbl of cue after 1st round = do not lead

CUE BID OVERCALLS

At Two-Level: Michaels Ghestem
 Natural
 At Three-Level: Stop Ask Two-Suiter
 Natural

LEADS and CARDING

From HONOURS: vs Suit vs No-Trump
 Top of Sequence
 Other: Strong 10s K [A 5♣+ or T2+] for att Q from KQJ
 Roman v NT for unblock K from AK with sing or AK dbltn

From Hxx (x+): vs Suit vs No-Trump
 4th. Highest
 3rd. & 5th. Highest
 Other: 9 from H98 In bid suits see From xxx(x+)

From xxx (x+): vs Suit vs No-Trump
 Middle Up Down
 2nd Highest
 Other: To/from known 5+/3+ suit: high/low = even/odd

PRIMARY SIGNAL: Attitude Count S/P
 on Partner's Lead
 on Declarer's Lead
 on First Discard

OTHER CARDING: Odd/Even Discards Smith Peters
 Smith or Lavinthal in trump suit Lavinthal when obvious

OTHER SYSTEM AGREEMENTS

Trial Bids: Long Suit Short Suit Lowest suit art
 Checkback: Bid Minor Unbid Minor Crowhurst 2♣
 4th Suit Forcing: 1-Round To Game 1♠ = nat
 Weak Jump Shifts: Always In Comp
 Other: Lebensohl Scrambling 2NT Suction Sandwich 1NT
 Good-Bad 2NT Blackout Gazilli Wolff O'Neal Bource

CONVENTIONAL RESPONSES

Over 1♣ : 1♦ Negative Frequently bypass 4+♦
 Over 1m : Inverted Raises 2NT = 15+ OR weak raise
 Over 1M : Bergen Raises 2NT = raise to 3+
 Over 1M : Splinters Swiss
 Over 1NT: Stayman 5-card Stayman
 Over 1NT: Jacoby Transfers Texas Transfers
 Over 1NT: 2♠ = clubs 2NT = diamonds
 Over 2M : 2NT Forcing New Suit NF at 2-level
 Over 2NT: Muppet Stayman Baron
 Other: 1M - 3♣/♦ 15+ m/bal 1NT - 3m GF 4441

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Helvic Aardvark Halmic XX
 Lebensohl (fast denies stop) Rubensohl
 After T/O Dbl: 2NT Limit+ Raise over 1M New Suit F
 Over 1m: Raise/2NT as without Dbl
 Over 1M: 1NT+ Transfers
 After Overcall: Neg Free Bids Transfers over 2♥/♠/NT

DEFENSE to ONE NO-TRUMP

vs Weak or strong Prot after pass at MPs
 Dbl: Penalties Strong: Spec t/o ♠+♣/♦♥
 2♣: ♥+♠/♦/♣ ♠+♦♥
 2♦: ♠+♣/♦/♥ ♦+♥
 2♥: ♥ ♥
 2♠: ♠ ♠
 2NT: ♠+♦ OR GF 2-suiter
 Other: 3 suit pre-emptive
 Special t/o double at pairs or over str NT or after pass

DEFENSE to OPENING PREEMPTS

Double: Take-Out thru 4♥
 Lebensohl resps to doubles of 2-bids Leaping Michaels
 Dixon dbl over Multi Special defences to artificial openings

OVERCALLS

Simple Suit: Up to 16 HCP, rarely 4 cards at 1-level
 Responses Jump Raise: Preempt Invitational
 New Suit: Forcing Constructive
 Unassuming Cue Bid Ruben Advance
 Jump in Suit: Weak Strong Intermediate (prot)
 Lowest NT: Direct: Weak takeout 2/3 suits
 Protect: 10 to 15 System on
 Jump to 2NT: Minors over 1M 18-20 protect
 Other minor plus major over 1m
 Fit jumps Fit non-jumps McCabe Canape over short minor

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Both members of the partnership must play same system and carding methods

Highly Unusual Methods (HUM) and Brown Sticker Conventions are not allowed

GENERAL APPROACH & STYLE

CATEGORY : Natural Strong Club Artificial

1NT OPENING : Weak Strong Variable

MAJOR SUITS : 4-card Major 5-card Major

TWO-OVER-ONE: Game Forcing except when suit rebid

VERY LIGHT : Openings Overcalls Preempts

FORCING OPENING : 1♣ 2♣ Others

LEADS : Top of Sequence 4th Highest 3rd. & 5th.

CARDING: Standard - Attitude Count

Upside Down - Attitude Count

OPENING BIDS

1♣ 4 cards is minimum length 3+ cards 1/2 N/V
 1♦ 4 cards is minimum length 3+ cards 1/2 N/V
 1♥ 4 cards is minimum length
 1♠ 4 cards is minimum length
 1NT 1/2 N/V 9 to 12 3rd 14 to 17 Other 12 to 14
 [Sing honour possible]
 2♣ Acol Benjamin Other Weak 2♦ OR GF/21+
 2♦ Multi Benjamin Other Weak 2♥ or 2♠ only
 2♥ Acol Weak-Two Other Weak ♥+♣/♦
 2♠ Acol Weak-Two Other Weak ♠+♣/♦/♥
 2NT __ to __ HCP Other Weak ♠+♦

PREEMPTIVE OPENING BIDS

3♣ 6 cards is minimum length Other _____
 3♦ 6 cards is minimum length Other _____
 3♥ 6 cards is minimum length Other _____
 3♠ 6 cards is minimum length Other _____
 3NT Solid Minor Outside Stop Other _____
 4m South African Texas (aka NAMYATS)

It is Forbidden to PSYCHE a Conventional Opening Bid

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