

SPECIAL DOUBLES
 After Overcall: Penalty
 Negative thru 4♥ 1♠ (1♦) X = 4♥
 Responsive : thru 4♥ Maximal
 Support: Dbl. thru Redbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O
G/try 2-way Dbl of cue=do not lead

NO TRUMP OVERCALLS
 Direct: to Systems on
 Conv. Weak takeout 3-11 5/4 or 4441
 Balancing: 10/11 to 15/16
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
 Conv. Over min=oth min + maj

SIMPLE OVERCALL
 1-level 7 to 15 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NFConst NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak
Fit jumps/non-j McCabe Cue=raise

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP
 vs: General Prot MPs passed
 2♣ ♥+other ♠+♦♥
 2♦ ♠+other ♦+♥
 2♥ 5+♥ 5+♥
 2♠ 5+♠ 5+♠
 Dbl: ♠+♦+M♥+♠ ♠+♠/♦♥
 Other Dbl of wk NT pens at imps
 3-bids nat wk

JUMP OVERCALL
 Strong Intermediate Weak
 Intermediate protective

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE
 New Suit Forcing: 1 level 2 level
 Jump Shift: Forcing Inv. Weak
 Redbl implies no fit Trans/M IMSR
 2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
 Majors
 Minors
 Other J/S=Fit jump 2NT/m=15+/wk raise

OPENING PREEMPTS
 Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv/Resp. _____

VS Opening Preempts Double Is
 Takeout thru 4♥ Penalty
 Conv. Takeout: Michaels over 3s
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other: Leaping Michaels over 2s

DIRECT CUEBIDS
 OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
 RKCB is lowest unbid of 4♥/♥/♠/NT Then specific king ask Blue Club cues
 DFPS/RFPS: Dbl/Rdl = 1st step Pass = 2nd step at 5-level Josephine GSF
 vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 6: DOPE _____ ROPI

LEADS (circle card lead, 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
 (AK)x (T9)x (AK)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

DEFENSIVE CARDING
 Standard: vs SUITS vs NT
 Except
 Attitude on K lead
 Attitude on A lead after T1 and v 5♠+
 Upside-Down:
 count
 attitude

LENGTH LEADS:
 4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 2nd Best from suit with no honour
 Attitude vs NT
 High/lo = even/odd to/from 5+/3+ suit
Primary signal to partner's leads
 Attitude Count Suit preference

FIRST DISCARD
 Lavinthal
 Odd/Even
OTHER CARDING
 Smith Echo
 Trump Suit Pref.
 Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING

PLEASE ASK

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GENERAL APPROACH
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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 (poss sing AKQ in ♠/♦)
 10-12 1st/2nd NV 3♣ 4441 GF sing minor
 14-17 3rd 12-14 other 3♦ 4441 GF sing major
 5-card Major Common 3♥ Game try
 System on over 3♠ Game try
 2♣ Stayman Puppet 5-card Stayman
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
 Forcing Stayman Smolen
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (fast denies)
 2♠ Transfer to ♣ Neg. Double to 3♠
 2NT Transfer to ♦ Other: 4♠=majors Gerber

Over nat 2NT:
 Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
 Jacoby Texas
 3♠ 1 suit s/try
 Muppet 3♠/Gerber/4♦=♥+♠
3NT _____ to _____
Conventional NT Openings
 2NT Weak both minors
 3NT Gambling

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

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

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: 13-15 4333
 Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other: Light 2/1 3♣/♦ 15+ minor/bal

RESPONSES
 Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
 Single Raise: Other: Splinter/Fit jumps
 Frequently bypass 4+ ♦
 1NT/1♠ G5 to P9
 2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
 3NT: 13 to 15
 Other: Light 2/1 2NT 15+/weak raise

DESCRIBE
 2♣ 4-9 or 21+ HCP GF or 21+ bal
 Strong Other or weak with ♦
 2♦ Resp: Neg Waiting

RESPONSES/REBIDS
 2♦/3♦ to play opp weak 2♦
 2NT Ogust Kokish

2♦ 4 to 9 HCP Multi: weak with ♥
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.

2NT Ogust New suit 3X forcing
 2NT Force New Suit NF

2♥ 4 to 9 HCP ♥+♠/♦
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.

3♠/♦ pass/correct
 2NT Force New Suit NF 2♠

2♠ 4 to 9 HCP
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv.

2NT Ogust
 2NT Force New Suit NF

OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing: 2-Way NMF
 Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp. 3 card minor 3+ 1/2 NV only
 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game 1X-1Y-1NT 13-17+Crowhurst 2NT Wolff [extended]
Canape overcalls over short 1♠/♦ Mod CRASH/Suction over strong 1♠/♦/2NT/art 2 any
Aardvark and Halmic XX when 1NT doubled Special defences to unusual openings
 Good/bad 2NT Gazzilli Blackout Sandwich 1NT O'Neal Bourke Scrambling 2NT Mod SSTB