

**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

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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

**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 atimps  
 3-bids nat wk

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

**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.

**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:   
 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

**MINOR OPENING** NF  
 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: 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

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

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

**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  
 (A)K x T9 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

**DEFENSIVE CARDING** vs SUITS vs NT  
 Standard:    
 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**

**DESCRIBE** **RESPONSES/REBIDS**  
 21+ HCP  
 2♣ Strong  Other  GF or 21+ bal  
 2♦ Resp: Neg  Waiting   
 2♦ 4 to 9 HCP  
 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.   
 2NT Ogust New suit 3X forcing  
 2NT Force  New Suit NF   
 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