



NAMES District 4 MSC

GENERAL APPROACH

2 over 1
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 15 to 17
to
5-card Major common 3♥ splinter (4♠)
System on over X, 2♣ 3♠ splinter (4♥)
2♣ Stayman Puppet
2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
Forcing Stayman Smolen
2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (Fast denies)
2♠ transfer to ♣ Neg. Double
2NT transfer to ♦ Other: _____

2NT 20 to 21
Puppet Stayman
Transfer Responses:
Jacoby Texas
3♠ MSS _____

3NT _____ to _____
gambling _____
Conventional NT Openings

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: Jacoby
1NT: Forcing Semi-forcing
2NT: Forcing Inv. _____ to _____
3NT: _____ to _____
Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
Other: 3 lower = nat, inv

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: _____
Frequently bypass 4+♦ weak hands
1NT/1♣ 6 to 10
2NT Forcing Inv. 11 to 12
3NT: 13 to 15
Other double js = splinter

SPECIAL DOUBLES

After Overcall: Penalty _____
Negative thru 4♥
Responsive : thru 4♥ Maximal
Support: Dbl. thru 2♥ Redbl
Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS

Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
Conv. _____
Balancing: 10 to 16
Jump to 2NT: Minors 2 Lowest
Conv. _____

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: Strong _____ Weak _____
2♣ majors _____
2♦ natural _____
2♥ natural _____
2♠ natural _____
Dbl: penalty _____
Other _____

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level 8 to 18 HCP (usually)
often 4 cards very light style
Responses
New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong Intermediate Weak

OPENING PREEMPTS

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

DIRECT CUEBID

OVER: Minor Major
Natural
Strong T/O
Michaels

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 _____

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout thru 4♠ Penalty
Conv. Takeout: _____
Lebensohl 2NT Response
Other: _____

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430

vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: 5 of trump suit+ 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 (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
Upside-Down: count attitude

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal
Odd/Even

OTHER CARDING

Smith Echo
Trump Suit Pref.
Foster Echo

SPECIAL CARDING **PLEASE ASK**