

Aptelker / Aptelker / Stephens

SPECIAL DOUBLES
 After Overcall: Penalty
 Negative thru 4D
 Responsive thru 3S Maximal
 Support: Dbl. thru 2S Redbl
 Card-showing Min. Offshape T/O

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS
 Direct: 15 to 18 Systems on
 Conv.
 Balancing: 11 to 16
 Jump to 2NT: Minors 2Lowest
 Conv. Michaels

GENERAL APPROACH
 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 16 HCP (usually)
 often 4 cards very light style
Responses
 New Suit: Forcing NF Const NF
 Jump Raise: Forcing Inv. Weak

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP
 vs: _____
 2♣ Majors
 2♦ 6+ M
 2♥ M+M
 2♠ M+M
 Dbl: Stm; 4M
 Other: 2NT = minors

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS
 1NT 5 to 17
 3♣ Puppet Stayman
 3♦ 5/5+ M
 3♥ 3-1-5-4(5)
 3♠ 1-3(4/5-6)4
 5-card Major common
 System on over (INT)
 2♣ Stayman Puppet
 2♦ Transfer to ♥ 4♦, 4♥ Transfer
 Forcing Stayman Smolen
 2♥ Transfer to ♠ Lebensohl (___ denies)
 2♠ minors Neg. Double
 2NT Transfer D Other: _____

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

JUMP OVERCALL
 Strong Intermediate Weak

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: _____

CONVENTIONAL NT OPENINGS
 2NT Transfer D
 3NT _____ to _____

OPENING PREEMPTS
 Sound Light Very Light
 3/4-bids
 Conv./Resp. 4C = PKCB

VS Opening Preempts Double Is
 Takeout thru 4H Penalty
 Conv. Takeout: _____
 Lebensohl 2NT Response
 Other: _____

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. 12+ to _____
 3NT: 9 to 13 with short
 Drury : Reverse 2-Way Fit
 Other: _____

RESPONSES
 Double Raise: Force Inv. Weak
 After Overcall: Force Inv. Weak
 Forcing Raise: J/S in other minor
 Single raise Other: _____
 Frequently bypass 4+♦
 1NT/1♣ 6 to 10(11)
 2NT Forcing Inv. to _____
 3NT: 12 to 16
 Other: 2M response = intermediate

DIRECT CUEBID
 OVER: Minor Major
 Natural
 Strong T/O
 Michaels 4+Cs

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber : 4NT: Blackwood RKC 1430
Non serious / serious, Exclusion
 vs Interference: DOPI DEPO Level: ovr SM 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 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

DEFENSIVE CARDING
 vs SUITS vs NT
 Standard:
 Except
 Upside-Down: count attitude

LENGTH LEADS:
 4th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 3rd/5th Best vs SUITS vs NT
 Attitude vs NT

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

Primary signal to partner's leads
 Attitude Count Suit preference

SPECIAL CARDING **PLEASE ASK**

DESCRIBE RESPONSES/REBIDS
 2♣ 21+ to _____ HCP
 Strong Other
 2♦ Resp: Neg Waiting
 2♦ 6 to 11 HCP
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv. 2NT Force New Suit NF
 2♥ 6 to 11 HCP
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv. 2NT Force New Suit NF
 2♠ 6 to 11 HCP
 Natural: Weak Intermediate Strong Conv. 2NT Force New Suit NF
OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing 2-Way NMF
 Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. Not in Comp.
 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. Game

*2H = Double negative
 2S/2NT/3C/3D = Nat posth*