

Your choice: Thursdays at **9:30am OR 4:15pm**

- Jan 8: Filling out the Convention Card
- Jan 15: Signaling (Carding), Etiquette and Procedures
- Jan 22: Bergen Raises
- Jan 29: Jacoby 2NT
- Feb 5: New Minor Forcing
- Feb 12: Recap Negative, Takeout + Support Doubles
- Feb 19: 4th Suit Forcing
- Feb 26: Recap TBD
- Mar 5: Recap TBD

Convention Card

- Partnership agreement
- 2 identical convention cards
- Neatly filled out
- Include every agreement you have
- Available on or near the table to be looked at by opponents if requested
- Anything in blue, partner announces
- Anything in red, partner alerts

NAMES

After Overall: Penalty ☐ _____
 Negative ☐ thru _____
 Responsive ☐ thru _____ Maximal ☐
 Support: Dbl. ☐ thru _____ Redbl ☐
 Card-showing ☐ Min. Offshape T/O _____

Direct: _____ to _____ Systems on ☐
 Conv. ☐
 Balancing: _____ to _____
 Jump to 2NT: 2 Lowest ☐ Minors ☐
 Conv. ☐

SIMPLE OVERCALL

1 level _____ to _____ HCP (usually)
often 4 cards ☐ very light style ☐

Responses

New Suit: Forcing ☐ NFConst ☐ NF ☐
Jump Raise: Forcing ☐ Inv. ☐ Weak ☐

JUMP OVERCALL

Strong ☐ Intermediate ☐ Weak ☐

OPENING PREEMPTS

	Sound	Light	Very Light
3/4-bids	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conv./Resp.			

DIRECT CUEBID

	OVER: Minor	Major	Artif.Bids
Natural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong T/O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michaels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber ☐ 4NT: Blackwood ☐ RKC ☐ 1430 ☐vs Interference: DOPI ☐ DEPO ☐ Level: _____ ROPI ☐**LEADS** (circle card led, if not in bold)

versus Suits		versus Notrump	
xx	xxxx	xx	xxxx
xxx	xxxxx	xxx	xxxxx
AKx	T9x	AKJx	AQJx
KQx	KJT x	AJT9	AT9x
QJx	KT9x	KQJx	KQT9
JT9	QT9x	QJT x	QT9x
KQT9		JT9x	T9xx

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 ☐

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP

vs: _____
 2♣ _____
 2♦ _____
 2♥ _____
 2♠ _____
 Dbl: _____
 Other _____

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE

New Suit Forcing: 1 level ☐ 2 level ☐
 Jump Shift: Forcing ☐ Inv. ☐ Weak ☐
 Redbl implies no fit ☐ Transfer Resp. ☐
 2NT Over Limit+ Limit Weak
 Majors ☐ ☐ ☐
 Minors ☐ ☐ ☐
 Other

VS Opening Preempts Double Is

Takeout ☐ thru _____ Penalty ☐
 Conv. Takeout _____
 Lebensohl 2NT Response ☐ _____
 Other _____

DEFENSIVE CARDING

Standard: ☐ vs SUITS ☐ vs NT ☐
 Except ☐

Upside-Down: ☐ count ☐
 attitude ☐

FIRST DISCARD

Lavinthal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odd/Even	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER CARDING		
Smith Echo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trump Suit Pref.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foster Echo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS

1NT _____ to _____ _____ to _____	3♣ _____ 3♦ _____ 3♥ _____ 3♠ _____	2NT _____ to _____ Puppet Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Responses: Jacoby <input type="checkbox"/> Texas <input type="checkbox"/> 3♠ _____
5-card Major common <input type="checkbox"/> System on over _____		<div>3NT _____ to _____</div> <div>Conventional NT Openings</div>
2♣ Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> Puppet <input type="checkbox"/>		
2♦ Transfer to ♥ <input type="checkbox"/> Forcing Stayman <input type="checkbox"/>	4♦, 4♥ Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Smolen <input type="checkbox"/> Lebensch! <input type="checkbox"/> (____ denies)	
2♥ Transfer to ♠ <input type="checkbox"/> 2♠ _____ 2NT _____	Neg. Double <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Other _____	

MAJOR OPENING

Min. Length	4	5
1st/2nd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3rd/4th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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: _____ to _____
 Drury ☐ Reverse ☐ 2-Way ☐ Fit ☐
 Other _____

MINOR OPENING

Min. Length	4	3	NF 0-2	Conv.
1♣	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1♦	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RESPONSES

Double Raise: Force ☐ Inv. ☐ Weak ☐
After Overcall: Force ☐ Inv. ☐ Weak ☐
Forcing Raise J/S in other minor ☐
Single raise ☐ Other _____
Freq. bypass 4+♦ ☐ Transfer Resp. ☐
1NT/1♣ _____ to _____
2NT Forcing ☐ Inv. ☐ _____ to _____
3NT: _____ to _____
Other _____

DESCRIBE

2♣ to _____ HCP	DESCRIBE	RESPONSES/REBIDS
Very Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
2♦ to _____ HCP	_____	_____
Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit N/F <input type="checkbox"/>
2♥ to _____ HCP	_____	_____
Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit N/F <input type="checkbox"/>
2♠ to _____ HCP	_____	_____
Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit N/F <input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Way NMF <input type="checkbox"/>		
Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Comp. <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. <input type="checkbox"/> Game <input type="checkbox"/> _____		

RESPONSES/REBIDS

2NT Force ☐ New Suit NF ☐

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2-Way NMF ☐

Names, General Approach and NT opening bids

NAMES _____	
GENERAL APPROACH	
Two Over One: Game Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> Game Forcing Except When Suit Rebid <input type="checkbox"/>	
VERY LIGHT: Openings <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Overcalls <input type="checkbox"/> Preempts <input type="checkbox"/>	
FORCING OPENING: 1♣ <input type="checkbox"/> 2♣ <input type="checkbox"/> Natural 2 Bids <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS	
1NT _____ to _____ to _____	3♣ _____ 3♦ _____ 3♥ _____ 3♠ _____
5-card Major common <input type="checkbox"/>	
System on over _____	
2♣ Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> Puppet <input type="checkbox"/>	
2♦ Transfer to ♥ <input type="checkbox"/>	4♦, 4♥ Transfer <input type="checkbox"/>
Forcing Stayman <input type="checkbox"/>	Smolen <input type="checkbox"/>
2♥ Transfer to ♠ <input type="checkbox"/>	Lebenschi <input type="checkbox"/> (____ denies)
2♠ _____	Neg. Double <input type="checkbox"/> _____
2NT _____	Other _____
<div>2NT _____ to _____ Puppet Stayman <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Responses: Jacoby <input type="checkbox"/> Texas <input type="checkbox"/> 3♠ _____</div> <div>3NT _____ to _____</div>	
Conventional NT Openings	

Major & Minor Openings

MAJOR OPENING			MINOR OPENING				
Min. Length	4	5	Min. Length	4	3	NF 0-2	Conv.
1st/2nd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1♣	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3rd/4th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1♦	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RESPONSES			RESPONSES				
Double Raise: Force <input type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/>			Double Raise: Force <input type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/>				
After Overcall: Force <input type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/>			After Overcall: Force <input type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/>				
Conv. Raise: 2NT <input type="checkbox"/> 3NT <input type="checkbox"/> Splitter <input type="checkbox"/>			Forcing Raise J/S in other minor <input type="checkbox"/>				
Other _____			Single raise <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				
1NT: Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-forcing <input type="checkbox"/>			Freq. bypass 4+♦ <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Resp. <input type="checkbox"/>				
2NT: Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input type="checkbox"/> _____ to _____			1NT/1♣ _____ to _____				
3NT: _____ to _____			2NT Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input type="checkbox"/> _____ to _____				
Drury <input type="checkbox"/> : Reverse <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Fit <input type="checkbox"/>			3NT: _____ to _____				
Other _____			Other _____				

Describe and Responses/Rebids

	DESCRIBE	RESPONSES/REBIDS
2♣ _____ to _____ HCP Very Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> 2♦ Resp: Neg <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
2♦ _____ to _____ HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
2♥ _____ to _____ HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
2♠ _____ to _____ HCP Natural: Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	2NT Force <input type="checkbox"/> New Suit NF <input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER CONV. CALLS: New Minor Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Way NMF <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Weak Jump Shifts: In Comp. <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Comp. <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 4th Suit Forcing: 1 Rd. <input type="checkbox"/> Game <input type="checkbox"/> _____ _____ _____		

Special Doubles

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Negative ☐ thru _____

Responsive ☐ thru _____ Maximal ☐

Support: Dbl. ☐ thru _____ Redbl ☐

Card-showing ☐ Min. Offshape T/O ☐

Simple Overcall and Jump Overcall

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Opening Preempts and Direct Cue Bid

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Conv./Resp. _____			

DIRECT CUEBID			
OVER:	Minor	Major	Artif.Bids
Natural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong T/O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michaels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Slam Conventions

SLAM CONVENTIONS Gerber ☐ : 4NT: Blackwood ☐ RKC ☐ 1430 ☐

vs Interference: DOPI ☐ DEPO ☐ Level: _____ ROPI ☐

Leads

LEADS (circle card led, if not bold)

versus Suits

X x	x x x X
x x X	x x x X x
A K x	T 9 x
K Q x	K J T x
Q J x	K T 9 x
J T 9	Q T 9 x
K Q T 9	

versus Notrump

X x	X x x x
X x x	x x x X x
A K J x	A Q J x
A J T 9	A T 9 x
K Q J x	K Q T 9
Q J T x	Q T 9 x
J T 9 x	T 9 x x

LENGTH LEADS:

4th Best	vs SUITS <input type="checkbox"/>	vs NT <input type="checkbox"/>
3rd/5th Best	vs SUITS <input type="checkbox"/>	vs NT <input type="checkbox"/>
	Attitude vs NT	<input type="checkbox"/>

Primary Signal to partner's lead

Attitude ☐ Count ☐ Suit preference ☐

Defensive Carding

DEFENSIVE CARDING		
	vs SUITS	vs NT
Standard:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Except <input type="checkbox"/>		
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<hr/>		
Upside – Down:		
count	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FIRST DISCARD		
Lavinthal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Odd/Even	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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OTHER CARDING		
Smith Echo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trump Suit Pref.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foster Echo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No Trump Overcalls and Defense vs No Trump

NOTRUMP OVERCALLS	
Direct:	_____ to _____ Systems on <input type="checkbox"/>
Conv.	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Balancing:	_____ to _____
Jump to 2NT:	2 Lowest <input type="checkbox"/> Minors <input type="checkbox"/>
Conv.	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

DEFENSE VS NOTRUMP	
VSC:	_____
2♣	_____
2♦	_____
2♥	_____
2♠	_____
Dbl:	_____
Other:	_____

Over Opponents Takeout Double and vs Opening Preempt Double is

OVER OPP'S T/O DOUBLE			
New Suit Forcing: 1 level <input type="checkbox"/> 2 level <input type="checkbox"/>			
Jump Shift: Forcing <input type="checkbox"/> Inv. <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/>			
Redbl implies no fit <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Resp. <input type="checkbox"/>			
2NT Over	Limit+	Limit	Weak
Majors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____			

VS Opening Preempts Double Is	
Takeout <input type="checkbox"/> thru _____	Penalty <input type="checkbox"/>
Conv. Takeout _____	
Lebenschl 2NT Response <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
Other _____	

Next week:

On Thu, Jan 15 at 9:30am or 4:15pm
(your choice)

Signaling (Carding), Etiquette and
Procedures