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## PRECISION

**STRONG FORCING OPENING : 1♣**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPECIAL DOUBLES</b></p> <p>Negative, Responsive → ∞<br/>         Support → 3♥<br/>         Gametry/Maximal → 3♥<br/>         Rosenkranz → 2♠<br/>         Suit/Lead → 4♥</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECT NT OVERCALLS</b></p> <p>1NT: 15-18 HCP – front of card<br/>         Jump to 2NT = 2 lowest unbid<br/>         Balancing 1NT = 10-15/16</p>  |  |   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SIMPLE OVERCALL</b></p> <p>7-17 HCP – maybe light<br/>         UPH: new suit at new level=F<br/>         Jump cue-bid=mixed raise<br/>         Jump in comp. = fit<br/>         Suit/lead transfer after double</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>VS. OPPONENTS NT</b></p> <p><b>Versus Upper range of 15+ :</b><br/>         2♣=♣+?    2♦=♦+ (♥or♠)<br/>         2♥=♥+♠    2♠=♠(weak)<br/>         X=One suit (if ♠, strong)</p> <p><b>Versus Upper range of 14- :</b><br/>         2♣=♥+♠    2♦=♥or♠<br/>         2♥=♥+minor    2♠=♠+minor</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS</b></p> <p><b>1NT=14-16</b> (except for...)    2NT = 21-22<br/> <b>1NT=10-12/13</b> (1,2,3 Favorable) 3NT= 4♣♦ preempt (Gambling 3,4)</p> <p><u>Over 14-16</u> : 2♦→2♥; 2♥→2♠; 2♠→3♣; 2N=Inv.<br/>         3♣=Puppet Stayman; 3♦=To play; 3♥/3♠=Splinter<br/>         Texas; Neg Doubles; Smolen; Transfer lebensohl</p> <p><u>Over 10-12</u>: 2-way Stayman, Neg Dbl, Transfer leb.</p>  |   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUMP OVERCALL</b></p> <p>Weak (maybe OK opp. PH)<br/>         2NT asks shortness<br/>         Transfers after double</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OVER OPP. T.O. DOUBLE</b></p> <p>New suit forcing on 1 level<br/>         Transfers (direct raise=weakest)<br/>         Jumps=fit; 2NT=Limit over Maj</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAJOR OPENINGS</b></p> <p>5-Card Majors (Occ. 4)<br/>         1NT response=<b>Semi-Force</b><br/>         2/1=Game Force<br/>         2NT= GF 4+ trump raise<br/>         3♦= Limit 4+ trump raise<br/>         3-raise=preemptive<br/>         3-other (under)=Nat. Inv.<br/>         3NT=4x3 13-15 NF<br/>         4-raise=wide range (0-15)<br/>         1♠-1N-2♥-3♣=Artificial<br/>         Drury; 2-way Game tries;<br/>         Transfers after Double</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINOR OPENINGS</b></p> <p>1♣=Precision (16/17+)<br/>         1♦=Negative (0-7/8)<br/>         1♥/1♠/2♣/2♦= Nat GF<br/>         1NT=8/9-13/14 Bal.<br/>         2♥/2♠=6+ cards; 4-7<br/>         2NT=14/15+ Balanced<br/>         3-suit=4x1; 3N=solid suit<br/>         In comp: X=any 5-8</p> <p>1♦=10-15 HCP 2+♦<br/>         Inv. raise; 2N/3♣=inv.<br/>         Comp: 1♦(1♥)1♠= minors<br/>         2♥/2♠=Majors, Wk/Inv.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPENING PREEMPTS</b></p> <p>Namyats: 4♣=♥; 4♦=♠<br/>         (In 3<sup>rd</sup> seat, natural)<br/>         4NT=Good 5-minor open</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>vs. OPPONENT PREEMPTS</b></p> <p>Double=takeout<br/>         lebensohl in all positions<br/>         Jump to 4♣/♦=GF min +maj</p>  |  |   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSYCHICS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rare</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DIRECT CUEBID</b></p> <p>Michaels; 2NT asks<br/>         Tying minor for good hand</p>   |  |   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SLAM CONVENTIONS</b></p> <p>Roman Keycard Blackwood (0-3, 1-4); Kickback<br/>         4♣/♦RKC; 4♣ Preempt Keycard ask; TAB,CAB<br/>         Soloway JS 1♥-2♠; Serious 3NT, Splinter Relays</p>   |  | <p>2♣ 10-15 HCP <u>6+♣</u> (5+ in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat); 2M=Nat, F<br/>         2♦=Artif. Ask; 2NT → 3♣; 3♣ → 3♦; Neg X</p> <hr/> <p>2♦ 10-15 HCP <u>0-1♦</u> (4-3 or 4-4 in majors)<br/>         2N=asks</p> <hr/> <p>2♥ 5-10 HCP <u>6+♥</u> (occ. 5) 2N=asks<br/>         NS=NF n.v.; transfers after double</p> <hr/> <p>2♠ 5-10 HCP <u>6+♠</u> (occ. 5) 2N=asks<br/>         NS=NF n.v.; transfers after double</p>   |   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEFENSIVE CARD PLAY</b></p> <p><b>Honor Leads:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest <u>AK KQ QJ J10 109</u><br/>         (But highest in partner's suit)<br/> <b>Spot card Leads:</b> 4<sup>th</sup> vs. NT    3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> vs. Suits<br/> <b>Trick One:</b> Count vs. NT; <u>Suit-Preference vs. Suits</u><br/> <b>Later signals:</b> First Discard=Odd/even; Smith vs. NT<br/> <u>COUNT=STANDARD</u>    <u>ATTITUDE=UPSIDE DOWN</u></p> |  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OTHER CONVENTIONAL CALLS</b></p> <p>Crash vs. Big ♣, 2♣; 4th-suit GF; 1♦(1♥)1♠=minors<br/>         PH Jumps=Fit; Umjuno; Two-way Checkback;<br/>         Pass-Double inversion; Suit/Lead after Dbl.; Bart</p>   |   |