

BIDDING AFTER NOTRUMP IS OPENED

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USING 4C, 4NT & 5NT

THE NOTRUMP BIDS

1 OF A SUIT AND A 1NT REBID = 12-14

1NT = 15 – 17

1 OF A SUIT AND A 2NT REBID = 18-19

2NT = 20 – 21

&

2C – 2D

2NT = 22-24

3NT = 25-26

2C – 2D

3NT = 27-28

RESPONDING TO A 1NT OPENING

WITH

A GOOD 8 OR 9 POINTS = **2NT**

10-15 POINTS = 3NT

16-17 POINTS = **4NT**

18-19 POINTS = 6NT

20 -21 POINTS = **5NT**

22 + POINTS = 7NT

SOME ASSUMPTIONS

- YOU PLAY STAYMAN **2C** ASKS FOR A **4-CD MAJOR**
- YOU PLAY TRANSFERS **2D** TRANSFERS TO **2H**
 2H TRANSFERS TO **2S**
- ALSO, TEXAS TRANSFERS **4D** TRANSFERS TO **4H**
 4H TRANSFERS TO **4S**
- YOU PLAY GERBER WHERE **4C** ASKS FOR **ACES**

NOW A COUPLE OF DEFINITIONS

4NT

- Is called **QUANTITATIVE** when it is used as a raise of NT- it invites a slam if the opener is at the top of their bid. **IT IS NOT ASKING FOR ACES!**
- SO: After partner opens 1NT your bid of 4NT asks the opener to pass with 15 and to bid 6NT with 17. With 16 partner tends to bid 6NT.
- We will explore other uses of this important bid.

5NT

Is called "**PICK A SLAM**". After 1NT is opened it asks the opener to bid 7NT if he is on the top of his bid. Otherwise, he is to bid 6NT.

So: If the opener has 15 points, he bids 6NT and with 17 he bids 7NT. With 16 you would be cautious about bidding the grand.

We will explore other uses of this important bid.

ONE MORE DEFINITION

GERBER

GERBER is used as an ace asking bid after 1NT or 2NT is bid as a natural bid. Gerber is always a jump!! **4C** asks and the answers are:

4D = 0 or 4

4H = 1

4S = 2

4NT = 3

We will look at another use of the important convention.

HERE ARE OUR BIDS FOR DISCUSSION

- AFTER A 1NT OPENING

• **Blue = Quantitative** **Red = Asking** **Green = Pick a slam**

• 1NT - **4NT**

1NT - **4C**

1NT - **5NT**

- AFTER RESPONDER USES STAYMAN

• 1NT - 2C

1NT - 2C

1NT - 2C

• 2H - **4NT**

2H - **4C**

2H - **5NT**

HERE ARE OUR BIDS FOR DISCUSSION

AFTER A 1NT OPENING

Blue = quantitative

Red = Asking

Green = Pick a slam

1NT - 4NT

1NT - 4C

1NT - 5NT

AFTER RESPONDER TRANSFERS

1NT - 2D

1NT - 2D

1NT - 2D

2H - 4NT

2H - 4C

2H - 5NT

What happened to our asking bid after a transfer?

CAN WE EVER ASK AFTER A 2-LEVEL TRANSFER?

- YES - IN TWO SPECIFIC SITUATIONS
- FIRST: Partner super-accepts our transfer:
 - 1NT - 2H
 - 3S - **4NT**
- SECOND: We transfer and then bid a second suit and partner shows 3-card support and a good hand: **3 STRONGER THAN 4.**
 - 1NT – 2H
 - 2S – 3C
 - 3S – **4NT**

HOW DO THESE PRINCIPLES APPLY AFTER 2NT?

This discussion applies to 2NT after either a direct 2NT opening or after 2C is opened and the opener rebids 2NT

2NT

or

2C – 2D

20 or 21

2NT

22-24

Blue = Quantitative

Red = Asking

Green = Pick a slam

2NT - 4NT

2NT - 4C

2NT - 5NT

11/9 HCP

16/13 HCP

HERE ARE OUR BIDS FOR DISCUSSION

- AFTER 2NT

Blue = quantitative

Red = Asking

Green = Pick a slam

2NT - 4NT

2NT - 4C

2NT - 5NT

- AFTER RESPONDER USES STAYMAN

2NT - 3C

2NT - 3C

2NT - 3C

3H - 4NT

3H - 4C

3H - 5NT

What happened to our asking bid after STAYMAN?

A NEW WAY TO ASK

SINCE **4C** WOULD NOT BE A JUMP ON THESE AUCTIONS,
IT IS NOT GERBER. IN FACT, IT **IS A SECOND SUIT.**

SO HOW DO WE ASK?

WE USE THE OTHER MAJOR!!!

2NT – 3C

AND

2NT – 3C

3H – **4S**

3S – **4H**

A NEW WAY TO ASK

SO HOW DO WE ANSWER THESE ASKING BIDS?

2NT – 3C

AND

2NT – 3C

3H – 4S

3S – 4H

Your answers are in steps

If you do play regular BLACKWOOD your answers would be:

after 4S

4NT = 0 or 4

5C = 1

5D = 2

5H = 3

after 4H

4S = 0 or 4

4NT = 1

5C = 2

5D = 3

A NEW WAY TO ASK

SO HOW DO WE ANSWER THESE ASKING BIDS?

2NT – 3C

AND

2NT – 3C

3H – 4S

3S – 4H

Your answers are in steps

If you do play KEYCARD BLACKWOOD your answers would be:

after 4S

4NT = 1 or 4

5C = 0 or 3

5D = 2 without Q

5H = 2 with Q

after 4H

4S = 1 or 4

4NT = 0 or 3

5C = 2 without Q

5D = 2 with Q

A NEW WAY TO ASK

THE HARD ASKING BIDS

2NT – 3C

AND

2NT – 3C

3H – 4S

3S – 4H

REMEMBER – 4C IS NOT GERBER (ASKING) IT IS A SUIT!!!

SO

IF THESE NEW ASKING BIDS AND THE ANSWERS ARE TOO HARD AND
YOU THINK YOU HAVE SLAM – JUST BID IT!!!

HERE ARE OUR BIDS FOR DISCUSSION

AFTER A 2NT OPENING

Blue = quantitative

Red = Asking

Green = Pick a slam

2NT - 4NT

2NT - 4C

2NT - 5NT

AFTER RESPONDER TRANSFERS

2NT - 3D

2NT - 3D

2NT - 3D

3H - 4NT

3H - 4C

3H - 5NT

So once again what is that darn purple 4C – not a red asking bid?

HERE ARE OUR BIDS FOR DISCUSSION

ONCE AGAIN, SINCE WE USE TEXAS TRANSFERS
WE WOULD NOT NEED 4C AS GERBER SO IT IS A SUIT!!
SO HERE ARE THE AUCTIONS

2NT – 3H

3S – 4C

SPADES AND CLUBS

Not a jump so not Gerber or a splinter

2NT – 4H

4S – 4NT

ASKING

After Texas Transfer

HERE ARE OUR BIDS FOR DISCUSSION

CAN WE EVER ASK AFTER A SIMPLE JACOBY TRANSFER AT THE
3-LEVEL?

YES, IF THE **2NT** OPENER JUMPS IN OUR TRANSFER SUIT
SO HERE ARE THE AUCTIONS

2NT – 3D

4H – **4NT**

2NT – 3H

4S – **4NT**

4NT IS ASKING SINCE THE OPENER JUMPED
WITHOUT THE JUMP **4NT** WOULD BE **QUANTITATIVE**

EXAMPLES

16 HCP

D

N North

♠AK85
♥K6
♦Q873
♣A62

W West

♠942
♥J1084
♦J642
♣94

E East

♠103
♥532
♦95
♣KQ10873

S South

♠QJ76
♥AQ97
♦AK10
♣J5

W N E S

Pass 2♣ Pass 2♥ 1NT

Pass 4NT Pass 6♠

Pass Pass Pass

6♠ South

0 0

17 HCP

EXAMPLES

18 HCP

A digital bridge hand interface on a green background. At the top left is a card table icon with a 'D' below it. A blue menu icon is at the top right. The interface is divided into four main sections: North, West, East, and South. The North section shows a hand with 18 HCP. The West section shows a hand with 15 HCP. The East section shows a hand with 15 HCP. The South section shows a hand with 15 HCP. A bidding table is located between the West and East sections. At the bottom right, there are two score boxes: one for North (0) and one for South (0), with a '6♠ South' label above the South score box.

N North	W West	E East	S South
♠AKJ52	♠8	♠973	♠Q1064
♥52	♥KJ103	♥764	♥AQ98
♦KJ72	♦10984	♦Q53	♦A6
♣AQ	♣10974	♣J832	♣K65

W	N	E	S
			1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

0	6♠ South
0	0

15 HCP

EXAMPLES

15 HCP

N North
♠AK852
♥K6
♦J8732
♣A

W West
♠94
♥J1084
♦K64
♣9642

E East
♠103
♥9532
♦5
♣KQ10873

S South
♠QJ76
♥AQ7
♦AQ109
♣J5

Bidding Log:

W	N	E	S
			1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Score: 0 (North) - 0 (South) 6♠ South

16 HCP

EXAMPLES

16 HCP

A digital bridge hand interface on a green background. At the top left is a card table icon labeled 'D'. The interface is divided into four quadrants for the players: North (top right), West (left), East (right), and South (bottom right). North's hand is shown with 16 HCP. West's hand is shown with 15 HCP. East's hand is shown with 15 HCP. South's hand is shown with 15 HCP. A bidding log in the center shows the sequence: 1NT, Pass 2♣, Pass 2♠, Pass 4♣, Pass 4♥, Pass 7♠, Pass Pass. A score display at the bottom right shows 0 for both sides, with a 7♠ contract for South.

Player	Hand	HCP
North	♠AK85 ♥K6 ♦KQ8732 ♣J	16
West	♠94 ♥QJ108 ♦J64 ♣9643	15
East	♠1032 ♥9532 ♦5 ♣KQ1087	15
South	♠QJ76 ♥A74 ♦A109 ♣A52	15

Bidding Log:
1NT
Pass 2♣ Pass 2♠
Pass 4♣ Pass 4♥
Pass 7♠ Pass Pass

Score: 0 South 0

15 HCP

EXAMPLES

12 HCP

11
D

N North

♠ AK85
 ♥ K6
 ♦ J10872
 ♣ J8

E East

♠ 1032
 ♥ 954
 ♦ 95
 ♣ KQ1072

W West

♠ 94
 ♥ QJ1082
 ♦ 64
 ♣ 9643

S South

♠ QJ76
 ♥ A73
 ♦ AKQ3
 ♣ A5

20 HCP

THE AUCTION

S	W	N	E
2NT	P	3C	P
3S	P	4H	P
4NT	P	5C	P
5D	P	6S	P

P

EXAMPLES

14 HCP

N North
♠ K752
♥ QJ82
♦ AJ4
♣ K9

W West
♠ J103
♥ 653
♦ 9852
♣ 1076

E East
♠ 9864
♥ 10
♦ Q107
♣ Q8543

S South
♠ AQ
♥ AK974
♦ K63
♣ AJ2

Bidding History:

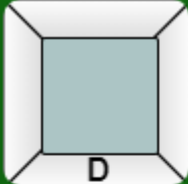

W	N	E	S
			2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass

Score: 0 (North) - 6♥ South - 0 (South)

21 HCP

EXAMPLES

11 HCP

	N North ♠ 10975 ♥ AQJ3 ♦ 965 ♣ A2																					
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21 HCP

THAT IS THE END!!

TIME
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YOUR
QUESTIONS?