





Tool Kit: The Splinter Bid

- ♣ A splinter bid is a response, usually to an opening suit bid, but it can be to an overcall.
- ♣ The splinter bid introduces a new suit at an “unnecessarily” high level. Often, it’s a double jump over an opening bid.
- ♣ It is an artificial bid showing a void or a singleton in the suit bid, enough strength for at least a game, and agreeing a fit in the suit being responded to. If the bid is below 3NT, or occurs during the first round of the auction, it should be alerted.
- ♣ A splinter bid invites a cue bid, or other slam seeking response. If the original suit is repeated minimum values are shown and the splinter bidder is discouraged from continuing.

Splinter Bidding is good for finding marginal slams depending on shape. It is good for a “low impact” slam try because it’s easy to sign off early.

Splinter Bid by Overcaller's Partner

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
1♣	1♥	P	4♦	West's 4♦ agrees Hearts and shows a void, or a singleton in Diamonds and slam interest.
				It's an artificial bid during the first round of the auction and is alerted.
P	4♥	P	P	4♥ is a sign off, showing no controls and no interest in slam.
P				

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1♣	1♥	P	4♦	West's 4♦ agrees Hearts and shows a void, or a singleton in Diamonds and slam interest.
				It's an artificial bid during the first round of the auction and is alerted.
P	4NT	P	..	4NT is Blackwood



Tool Kit: The Pudding Raise

Recognising a Pudding Raise

Partner opens 1 of a major.

You have 13-15 HCP, 4 Hearts BUT a balanced hand.

Game is clearly on, but if partner has a flat hand, 3NT may score better, especially in pairs. If partner has a weak opening hand with five or more hearts, only a thin 4H may be on.

Give partner the information he/she needs to make a choice by jumping to 3NT. This should be alerted.

Pudding Raises are good for finding the best game score when opening a major.

You can use a response of a jump to 2NT to show a balanced hand with four card support and 10-12 HCP.

These bids replace the responses of 2NT and 3NT to show a balanced hand with NO four card majors. In these circumstances bid your best minor at the two-level and continue depending on partner's response.



Examples

N	E	S	W	Pudding Raise Example:
1 ♥	Pass	3NT(A)	Pass	North South have a Heart fit
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	North chooses the Hearts game. Probably holding minimum opening hand and at least five Hearts

N	E	S	W	Pudding Raise Example:
1 ♥	Pass	3NT(A)	Pass	North South have a Heart fit
Pass	Pass			North chooses the 3NT game. Probably holding flat hand 15-18? HCP

N	E	S	W	Pudding Raise Example:
1 ♥	Pass	3NT(A)	Pass	North South have a Heart fit
4NT	Pass	...		North goes slamming – strong hand – assume Hearts is the suit if playing RKCB