



## Tool Kit: Quantitative Bidding

The joint High Card Point Count between two balanced hands is a good guide to the number of tricks that can be made in No Trumps.

37-40 HCP generally makes 13 tricks **(Grand Slam)**

33-36 HCP generally makes 12 tricks **(Small Slam)**

25-32 HCP generally makes 9-11 tricks **(Game)**

23-24 HCP generally makes 8 tricks **(Part Score)**

19-22 HCP generally makes 7 tricks **(Part Score)**

When an auction establishes that there are two balanced hands opposite each other, one of the hands has usually made a limit No Trump bid giving a HCP range size of 1 or 2 or 3 HCP e.g.

Opening 1NT = 12,13,14 (a range of 3 HCPs)

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
			1NT	♠ A 8 7
				♥ K 3 2
				♦ K Q 8
				♣ J 9 6 2



1NT Response = 6,7,8 or 9 (a range of 4HCPs)

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
1♥	P	1NT		♠ A 8 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ 10 9 6 3 2

1NT Re-bid = 15 or 16 (a range of 2 HCPs)

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
			1♣	♠ A 8 7 ♥ K 3 2
P	1♦	P	1NT	♦ K Q 8 ♣ A 9 6 2



2NT Invitational over 1NT re-bid=9 (a range of 1 HCP)

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
				♠ A 10 8 7
	1♣	P	1♠	♥ K 3 2
P	1NT	P	2NT	♦ Q 8 7
				♣ 9 6 2

A quantitative bid is used in reply to either:

directly bid the contract, usually 1NT, 3NT, 6NT; or 7NT; or

to make an invitational bid:

2NT inviting raise to game: Pass or 3NT;

4NT inviting raise to small slam: Pass or 6NT; or

5NT forcing raise to small or grand slam: 6NT or 7NT.

Quantitative Examples

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass	South invitational bid shows balanced 11-12 HCP.
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass	North has 14 HCP and raises to game.

North

♠ K 8 7

♥ K 3 2

♦ K Q 8

♣ K 10 9 6

South

♠ A 6 4

♥ Q 9 8

♦ A 6 5

♣ Q 8 7 5



<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass	South change of suit reply is non-committal as to strength, but forcing for one round
2NT	Pass	4NT	Pass	North shows 17-18 HCP balanced; South (15 HCP balanced) invites raise to 6NT if maximum.
6NT	Pass	Pass	Pass	North assesses and raises

North

♠ K 8 7

♥ K 3 2

♦ K Q 8 4

♣ A K 10

South

♠ A Q 4

♥ Q J 9 8

♦ A 6 5

♣ Q 8 7



<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass	South change of suit reply is non-committal as to strength, but forcing for one round
2NT	Pass	5NT	Pass	North shows 17-18 HCP balanced; South (19 HCP balanced) forces a raise to 6NT if min (17) or 7NT if max (18).
6NT	Pass	Pass	Pass	North assesses and goes for the small slam.

North

♠ K 8 7

♥ K 3 2

♦ K J 8 4

♣ A K 10

South

♠ A Q 4

♥ A Q J 9

♦ A 6 5

♣ Q 8 7