





Responder's Rebid After Responding to 1 No Trump



Partner Opens 1 No Trump

- We are going to examine responders' second bid after they have made an initial response to their partner's opening 1 no trump bid.
 - Stayman
 - Transfer
- Remember when partner opens 1 no trump, you're the boss. You must guide the partnership to the best contract.

1 nt...2  ...2 

 Q 4 2
 9 7 3 2
 10 8 6 5 3
 7

 Q 6 4 2
 9 7 3 2
 10 8 6 5
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- You can pass with hands like this.
- If partner had bid 2  or 2  , you would pass.
- You can also do the same thing with a 4-4-4-1 and a singleton club.
- Use this bid with a hand up to 6 or 7 hcps.





1 nt...2 ♣2 ♦ ...2 ♥



♠ Q 8 4 2
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ 10 8
♣ 7 6 3



♠ Q 8 4 2
♥ J 9 7 3 2
♦ 10
♣ 7 6 3





- Crawling Stayman.
- After two diamonds, 2 ♥ instructs partner to pass with 3 hearts or bid 2 ♠ with 3 cards in that suit.
- The assumption here is that partner will have at least one 3-card major suit.





1 nt...2  ...2  ...2 nt.

 Q 10 4 2
 3 2
 K Q 8
 J 7 6 3

- Invitational with at least one 4-card major.
- Partner will know you have 4 spades and bid accordingly.
- Opener can decline the invitation with:
 - Pass
 - 3 .
- Accept the invitation with:
 - 3 nt.
 - 4 .


1 nt...2  ...2  ...2 nt.

 Q 10 4 2
 3 2
 K Q 8
 J 7 6 3

 Q 8 4 2
 9 7 3 2
 A 10
 K 6 3

- Invitational with at least one 4-card major.
- If you did not have a 4-card major you would simply bid 2 nt.

1 nt...2  ...2  ...2 

 Q 10 9 4 2




 A 9 3 2





 K 9 8

 3


Invitational Hand




- This is a conventional way of handling this holding. It does not show a weak hand.
- It shows specifically 5 spades, 4 hearts, a short suit, and invitational values.
- Talk it over with partner. Since it does not come up often, you might review the idea before your game.
- Of course, if you did not have 4 hearts, you would just transfer to spades and bid 2no trump to invite.


1 nt...2  ...2  ...3 

 Q 10 9 2
 A Q 9 3 2
 K 9 8
 3

Game forcing
Hand. Smolen
Convention

- The Smolen convention. Game forcing points. 5-4 in the major suits.
- After 2  , jump in your 4-card major.



1 nt...2  ...2  ...3 

 Q 10 9


 A Q 3 2

 10 9 8 6

 3 2

- Invitational... shows a heart fit
- If partner had bid 2  or 2  , you would bid 2 nt to invite game.



1 nt...2  ...2  ...3 

 Q 10 9 2

 A Q 3

 10 9 8

 3 2

- Invitational... shows a spade fit
- If partner had bid 2  or 2  , you would be 2 nt to invite game.

1 nt...2 ♣ ...2 ♠ ...4 ♠


♠ Q 10 9 2

♥ A Q 3

♦ K 9 8 5

♣ 3 2

- Sign off
- Tells partner you have game values and no interest in slam.

1 nt...2  ...2  ...4 nt

 A J 9 2

 A Q 3

 A J 8 6

 3 2

- Quantitative.
- Tells partner to bid 6 nt with 17 points.
- Otherwise pass

1 nt...2 ♣ ...2 ♠ ...4 ♣

♠ A J 9 2
♥ A 10 3
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ K 3

♠ A J 9 2
♥ A 10 3
♦ K Q J 5 2
♣ 3

- Confirms a spade fit.
- Depending on partnership agreement
 - A splinter, if you have agreed to play splinters, showing shortness in clubs and slam interest.
 - Or a control bid showing first or second round control of the club suit and slam interest.
- This is not Gerber.

1 nt...2 ♣ ...2 ♦ ...4 ♣

♠ K 9 5 2

♥ A J

♦ K 3

♣ K Q J 10 3

♠ A J 9 2

♥ 3

♦ K Q J 5 2

♣ A J 10

- Without a suit fit, use 4 ♣ as Gerber.
- You have enough points for a slam, but need to confirm that your side has adequate controls.

1 nt...2 ♠ ...3 ♣ ...3nt


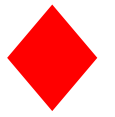
♠ K Q 2

♥ K 3

♦ 5 3


♣ A K 10 9 8 2


- Transfer to clubs, then bid 3 no trump.
- Tells partner you have an interest in a minor suit slam.
- If the spade holding was J 4 3, you would simply bid 3 nt, without the transfer.
- Must be playing 4-suit transfers.

1 nt...3  ...3  ...3nt

 K Q 2

 K 3

 A Q 10 8 5 3

 8 2

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