

# Fifth Chair



## Minor-Suit Stayman

Minor-Suit Stayman is a convention that allows a partnership to look for a minor-suit fit after an opening bid of 1NT or 2NT. You use this bid along with Jacoby Transfers, since the 2S response to 1NT is no longer needed and can be used to ask opener to bid a four-card minor suit. Playing a strong no-trump, the 2S bid shows 9+ points and usually promises at least 4-5 or 5-4 in the minors. Opener's responses to 2S are:

2NT: A minimum hand with no four-card minor

3C: A minimum hand with a four-card club suit

3D: A minimum hand with a four-card diamonds suit

3H: Showing or asking for a heart stopper, depending on agreement.

Opener may have a four-card minor but is looking for 3NT

3S: Showing or asking for a spade stopper, depending on agreement.

Opener may have a four-card minor but is looking for 3NT

3NT: A maximum hand with no four-card minor

4C: A maximum hand with a four-card club suit

4D: A maximum hand with a four-card diamond suit

Responder's rebids are:

Pass: Minimum hand

3C: At least a five-card suit; non-forcing.

3D: At least a five-card suit; non-forcing over 2NT but forcing over 3C

3H/3S: Respective splinters:

3NT: Signoff

4C: Invitational if partner bid 3C; strong and forcing otherwise.

4D: Invitational if partner bid 3D; strong and forcing otherwise.

AQ6 93 QT87 AK3 3 Q2 AK532 A9762

1NT : 2S!

3D : 3S!

4C : 4D

4S : 4NT

5H : 5NT

6D

Minor-suit Stayman is off in competition.