

Fifth Chair



Stayman + Quiz

Responses to One NO Trump including the Stayman Convention

A. Responses to One NoTrump Openings:

With a BALANCED hand, and NO four-card major

0-7 points: Pass

8-9 points: Bid 2NT Partner then bids 3NT with 16/17 points

10-15 points: Balanced, no 4 card major, but maybe a 5 card minor: Bid 3NT

16-17 points: Bid 4NT Partner then bids 6NT with 16/17 points

18-19 points: Bid 6 NT

20-21 points: Bid 5NT, forcing to 6 NT - Partner bids 6 nt with 16 points; or 7 NT with 17 - 18 points

22 + points: Bid 7 NT

With UNBALANCED hand:

0-7 points -5/or more diamonds/hearts/spades: Bid 2D, 2H/2S

8-9 points: Explore for game, bid 2nt

10-14 points: Bid any 5 major suit at the 3 level, partner should bid either 3NT with 2 cards in that suit, or bid 4 in major with a 3 card fit. Bid a six card minor at the 3 level.

15+ and up: Explore for slam

Partner opens with 1 NT. What is your response with each of the following hands?

1. Axxxxx x xxx xxx _____

2. xx Jxxxxxx xxxx x _____

3. xxx KQx xxxxx xx _____

4. KJx Axx xxxx xxx _____

5. xxx xxx AKxxx Ax _____

6. AKxxxx x xxxx Kx _____

7. xxxxxx KJx x Qxx _____

8. Axx Kx KQxxx KJ _____

9. AQx xx AQx KQJxx _____

Use the Stayman Convention with a balanced hand, AND a 4 card major, by bidding 2c, which is a completely artificial bid.

The bidding proceeds: 1NT pass 2C = This bid promises at least one four card major, and at least 8 HCP.

No Trump Bidder Responses:

2D I have NO four card major

2H I have four hearts+may have 4 spades

2S I have four spades and do NOT have 4 hearts

You open with 1NT, partner bids 2c, what is your bid?

10. Kx AQx QJxx Axxx _____

11. AKQJ xxx KJxx Qx _____

12. xx KQxx AKJx KJx _____

Partner opened 1nt, you bid 2c, partner bid 2s, what is your bid?

13. Kx QJxx xxxx Qxx _____

14. xxxx AKxx Qx Kxx _____

15. Axxx AQJx KJXX A _____

Partner opens 1 NO Trump. What is your bid with each of these hands?

16. Axxx xx KJxxx Qx _____

17. xx Qxxx Kxx Axxx _____

18. Kxxx xx KJxx Qxx _____

19. AQxxx Kxxx Jx xx _____

20. AQxxx Qxx xxx xx _____

21. Qxxx Kxxx xx xxx _____

22. Ajxxx Kx xx xxx _____

23. AQx Qx Kxxxxx xx _____

24. AKx KQxx Qx Axxx _____

25. KJx A xxx xxxxxx _____

26. xxx xxx AKxxx Ax _____

27. AKxxxx x xxxx Kx _____

Answers:

1 2S

2 2H

3 Pass

4 2NT

5 3D

6 4S

7 2S

8 6NT

9 7NT

10 2D

11 2S

12 2H

13 2NT

14 4S

15 4C Gerber Convention, checking to be sure partner has all kings, then bid 7 Spades.

16 2C

17 2C

18 2C

19 3S

20 2C - intending to bid 2 Spades after partner's bid. If partner bids

2D or 2H, you now bid 2S, invitational. If partner bids 2S,

then bid 3 Spades which is invitational

21 Pass

22 2C - intending to bid 2 Spades after partner's bid. If partner bids 2D or 2H, you now bid 2S, invitational. If partner bids 2S, then bid 3 Spades which is invitational, same as problem 20

23 3D

24 6NT

25 3C

26 3NT

27 4S - You bid game here, with the 6 card suit, as partner has guaranteed at least 2 spades, by his opening bid.