

PARTNER AGREEMENT

Bid 1D with 4 or more; 1C is forcing asking for a 4 card major, if no 4 card major bid 1 NT (6-9); 2NT (10-12 points); 3NT (13-15)

Bid 1C or 1D asking for a 4 card major (when there is an intervening bid, double to say opp took your bid, all systems still are GO). However, you should bid a 5 card minor suit before bidding 4 card major.

1 bid of a minor - Only support your partner's opening minor bid w/5C cards, or 4D cards in his suit

No Trump (15-17 points); 2 NT (20-21 points) w / balanced hand; 3 NT (25+) Balanced (invitational)

Partner bids 1 NT, you bid 4 NT telling him that you, too, have a 1 NT **balanced** hand, if he has high range, he goes to 6 NT, otherwise he passes

Responses to 2 Clubs (22+ unbalanced) is 0-6 =2D, 7 or more bid your suit with 5 cards, otherwise bid 2NT

Overcalls must have at least 5 cards & 8+ points at 1 level; 5 cards & 12+ points at 2 level

If responder changes suit it's forcing; if opener changes suit it can be passed (at 1st & 2nd level)

Try not to leave your partner in his second suit

If I open, partner bids, I respond 2 NT or I **Jump Shift** in another suit meaning - I have 18-19 points— This only signifies 18+ points, does not necessarily mean partner wants to be in that suit.

If you lead - play the highest card in your partner's bid suit usually, but not always

If your partner leads an A & K, your discard is very important:

Play low is discourage him playing that suit; play mid range to encourage him to play that suit again

Intervening bid after Blackwood and Gerber – If opp takes my bid, I double; if he bids something else, proceed up the latter using count

With 2 five card Majors bid Spades first, then Hearts (i.e. down the line); with 2 four card majors respond with Hearts first, then Spades (i.e. up the line)

Stayman (when there is an intervening bid, double to say opp took your bid, all systems still are GO)

Bidding over your partner's Double: @ 1 level shows 0-8 pts; 2 level shows 9-10; 3 level shows 12+

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CONVENTIONS

1	Stayman	2 C asking for a 4 card major
2	Transfers	5 card major; 6 card minor
3	Michael's	See Below
4	Unusual NT	See Below
5	Jacoby 2 NT	See Below (only w/o interference)
6	Help Suit Game Try	See Below
7	Gerber	4C anytime if C's not bid naturely
8	Blackwood	(4NT) 5C=0-4; 5D=1; 5H=2; 5S=3
9	Negative Doubles	See Below
10	Limit Raises	See Below
11	Garbage Stayman	Under 8 HC points; at least a Singleton club (ideally 4+4+4+1)
12	Weak Freak	5 card support > 7 points plus a singleton or doubleton - Majors only
13	Texas Transfer	After NT bid, 4 D or 4 H and pass (6 cards plus 10 – 15 points)
14	Preempt Bids	Weak bids
15	Balancing Double	See below

Stayman After your partner opens 1 NT, you bid 2 C asking for a 4 card major, if u have 1
If partner bids 2NT, bidding 3C is still Stayman

Transfers – In response to 1 NT, a bid of 2D transfers to Hearts, 2H transfers to Spades (must
have at 5 card suit to transfer to majors). If playing transfers to minors, you must
have 6 card suit.

Bids after Transfer 1NT – 2D – 2H – Less than 8 points (Pass); 8 or 9 points + 5 cards
bid 2 NT; 8 or 9 points + 6 cards (Bid 3H); 10-15 points and a 5 cards,
bid 3NT; 10-15 points and a six-card major (with no slam hopes), use Texas
transfer
With Two 5 card Majors - With 8-9 points and five cards in both majors, bid 2D
to transfer to hearts, then rebid 2S to invite game - with 10+ points and 2 five
card majors, bid 2 H to transfer to spades, then rebid 3S

Texas Transfer When you know game is possible but slam is not – after NT bid 4 D or 4 H and
pass (6 cards plus 10 – 15 points). **This works best after an interference bid.**

Michael's Cue Bid 1C or 1D is over called by 2C or 2D means I have 2 five card majors
1H or 1S is over called by 2H or 2S means I have the unbid major & a minor

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- Unusual NT** 1H or 1S is over called by 2NT means I have both minors (a 2 suit hand w / 7+ points)
- Jacoby 2NT** Partner opens 1 of a major suit, you respond with 2NT – this shows opening points, 4 card support, & semi balanced hand
- Opener responds (w/ unbalanced hand):
- a) @ 3 level in a new shows a singleton or a void
 - b) @ 4 level in a new suit shows 5 card suit with 2 honors
- Opener responds (w/ balanced hand):
- a) Jump to 4 of your partner's agreed major w/ minimum opening bid
 - b) Go to 3 NT w/ 15 – 17 points
 - c) Rebid 3 of the major w/ 18+ points showing interest in Slam
- Help Suit Game Try** When opening w /16+ points, & Partner bids 2 in your suit showing 6-9 points; you bid at 3 level looking for support in that 2nd suit - With winners in your 2nd suit, partner goes to game in 1st suit, otherwise he bids 3 & you pass
- Gerber** After 1 or 2NT, bid 4C asking for Aces (5D=0-4; 5H=1; 5S=2; 5NT=3)
- Blackwood** (4NT) 5C=0-4; 5D=1; 5H=2; 5S=3
- Double** Shows opening count & 4 card support for the other major w/ stopper or shortage in opponent's suit. When doubling 1NT, you should have at least 16 pts
- Redouble** Shows 10-12 points and no support for partner's suit
- Negative Double** ONLY In the 3rd or 4th seat after 2 other suits were bid, shows at least 8 points plus having the other 2 unbid suits
- Limit Raise** 1H to 3H shows 10-12 points & 4 card support for Hearts
Go to 3, after an intervening bid, if you have 4 card support & 6 -9 points
1H, 1S, 2S - Is a Cue Bid showing 10 - 12 points & 4 H's (going to 3 level is safe w/ 9 trump)
- Texas Transfer** When you know game is possible but slam is not – after NT bid 4 D or 4 H and pass (6 cards plus 10 – 15 points)

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Preemptive Bids

Weak 2 (7-11 points - six cards w/2 honors) - A 2NT RESPONSE IS ASKING FOR A FEATURE (if none rebid your suit)

Weak 3 (7 cards in suit, plus 5-9 points)

Weak 4 (8 cards in suit, plus 5-9 points)

Balancing Double

After LHO opens, followed by 2 passes, you can double (with at least 8 points) assuming your partnership has enough points to compete at the 1 level.