

Stayman

What is Stayman?

When your partner opens 1NT, opponent passes, then, you bid 2C, you are asking for a 4 card major. To do this you **MUST** have at least 8 HCP, and one or two 4 four card majors.

YOU CANNOT PASS A STAYMAN BID

How many responses are available to the 1NT opener after 2C bid?

Three **ONLY**, no other responses are allowed. The 3 responses are:

2D – opener saying he has no 4 card major You bid 2NT w/8-9 pts

2H – he has 4 H's, and maybe 4 S's

2S - he has 4 S's, but I don't have 4 H's

What if opener bids the wrong major?

You simply bid 2NT then, the opener decides depending on his point count

What is Stayman with game forcing hand?

You have 10+ points, and you know opener has 15-17 points. If the bidding goes 1NT, 2C, 2H, you bid 3NT (or 4H with a heart fit) because you know you have over 25 points together.

When you bid Stayman you are guaranteeing the partnership will get to a minimum contract of 2NT.

What is Garbage Stayman?

When you have 7 points or less, and a singleton or void in Clubs, bid Stayman. Then, whatever your partner bids you **PASS**, because he will get killed in NT. At least you will have a fit with distribution like 4-4-4-1.