Game and Slam Bidding after a No-Trump Opener

Quantitative Bids and Other Approaches

Opening with No-Trump distribution

15-17 Points bid 1NT

18-19 Points first bid a suit and then bid 2NT as second bid (assumes partner responded at one level)

20-21 Points bid 2NT

22-23 Points first bid 2 🛖 and then bid 2NT

24-25 Points first bid 2 🛖 and then bid 3NT

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Bidding as Responder

You, as responder, should take control because you know opener's hand, but they don't know yours.

1st, add opener's points to yours: game, slam, part score?

3NT: 25 Points 6NT: 33 Points 7NT: 37 Points

 $2^{\mbox{\scriptsize nd}},$ do you have a long suit? Game or slam with fewer high card points?

Bidding as Responder

3rd, choose an approach

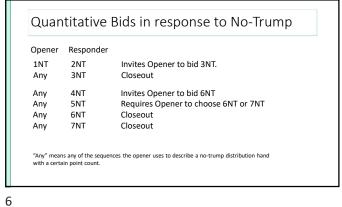
5-card major → Transfer bid (can then use Quantitative Bid)

4-card major → Stayman

Even distribution → Quantitative Bid

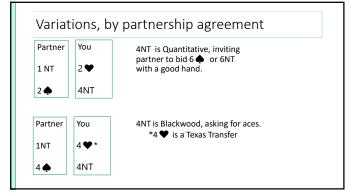
Good, Long minor suit \begin{cases} Directly bid game or use Gerber if slam interest.

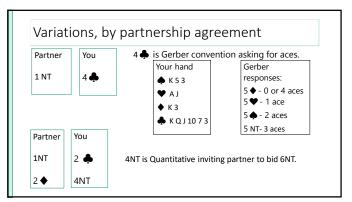
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As Responder: with potentially running minor suit If opener should be able to run your suit with only one loser Bid 3NT directly even with inadequate high card points Consider slam − check for aces by bidding 4 ♣ (Gerber convention) Opener bids 1NT. What should you, as responder, bid? **9**83 ♦ AK10763 Worst case, opener ducks one trick and then with a 3-2 **4** 8 2 split there are five diamond tricks.

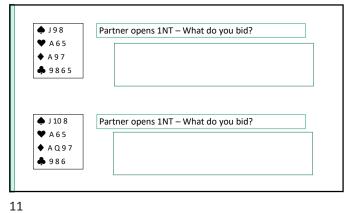
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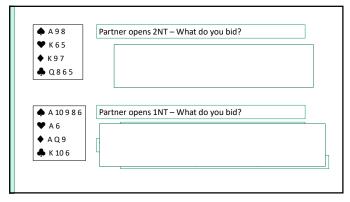


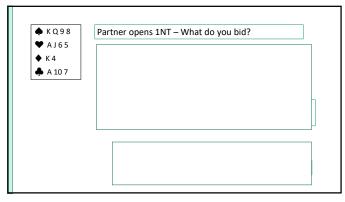
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Quiz Problems

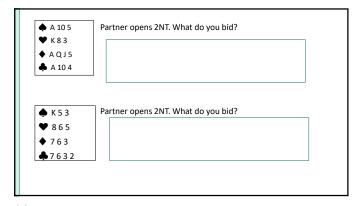


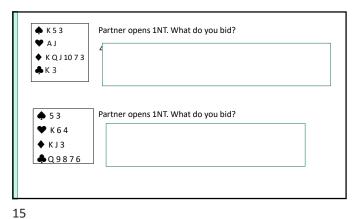
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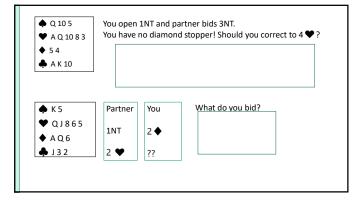


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Recap

- As responder to a NT opening, you need to take control.
- Add points and look at distribution to evaluate if part score, game invitation, game, slam invitation or slam
- Look for an 8-card major suit fit
- Most likely responses are Stayman, transfers, or quantitative bids
 - Some partnerships also use Gerber to ask for aces.
 - We haven't covered relay bids, but many partnerships use those.
- NT opener and following bids are descriptive and thus effective in reaching a good contract.

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