

Bidding No Trump Contracts

With notrump counts you must not lie no matter how good the temptation.

Why do we bid?

What should a bid tell your partner?

No Trump distribution:

5-card Major?

Summary of Opening Bids

12 – 14 HCP

15 – 17 HCP

18 – 19 HCP

20 – 21 HCP

22 – 24 HCP

25 – 27 HCP

Stayman: the 2 – 4 – 8 Bid

Who is the boss?

| Opener's Initial Bid | Responder's Initial Bid | Opener's Second Bid | Responder's Final Bid | Opener's Final Bid |
|----------------------|--|--|---|---|
| 1 NT | | | | |
| | (0-7) Pass ***** (8-9) 2NT ***** (10+) 3NT | ***** 15 HCP 16 HCP 17 HCP ***** | | |
| | 2♣ (Stayman) 8+ HCP | 2♦ | (8-9) ***** 10+ | 15 16 17 ***** |
| | 2♣ (Stayman) 8+ HCP | 2♥ | (8-9) Hearts ***** 10+ Hearts ***** 8-9 Spades ***** 10+ Spades | 15 16 17 ***** 15 16 17 ***** |
| | 2♣ (Stayman) 8+ | 2♠ | (8-9) Spades ***** 10+ Spades ***** 8-9 Hearts ***** 10+ Hearts | 15 16 17 ***** 15 16 17 ***** |

Special Cases

♠ QT75
♥ KJ976
♦ 5
♣ K43

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♠ T754
♥ T976
♦ T8954
♣

Sample Hands

1 ♠ 75
♥ A854
♦ A72
♣ 9543

Bid 2C (Stayman).
This hand has 8+
HCP and a 4-card
Major.

2 ♠ J52
♥ 976
♦ KQ87
♣ QJ5

Bid 2NT. This hand
has 8-9 HCP and
does not have a
4-card Major.

3 ♠ Q1075
♥ 5
♦ KJ976
♣ K43

Bid 2C (Stayman).
This hand has 8+
HCP and a 4-card
Major.

4 ♠ 87
♥ K1087
♦ AQJ3
♣ K74

Bid 2C (Stayman).
This hand has 8+
HCP and a 4-card
Major.

5 ♠ K62
♥ AJ
♦ J53
♣ Q9862

Bid 3NT. This hand
has 10+ HCP and
does not have a
4-card Major.

6 ♠ A964
♥ KQ10
♦ 543
♣ K108

Bid 2C (Stayman).
This hand has 8+
HCP and a 4-card
Major.

7 ♠ J75
♥ 95
♦ Q73
♣ KQJ107

Bid 2NT. This hand
has 9 HCP and does
not have a 4-card
Major.

8 ♠ Q852
♥ AJ93
♦ 6
♣ 7532

PASS. You have 7
HCP. Not enough
HCP to bid.