

## Important Convention Course

### Stayman Convention

#### Purpose:

Find a four-four fit in the Major Suits after your partner opens 1NT, or 2NT or 2C followed by opener's rebid of 2NT

North

South

1NT

2♣ → "Asks Do you have a four-card major?"

#### Requirements for using Stayman

- ▶ Must have 8+ HCP
- ▶ Must have a Four-card Major
- ▶ A short suit for ruffing purposes (do not use with 4333 distribution ??)

#### Responses by Opener to 2-clubs Question

- 2♦ No 4-cd major
- 2♥ Have 4 Hearts and may have 4 Spades
- 2♠ Have 4 Spades but NO 4-card Hearts suit

**No other responses allowed!**

#### Opener's Hands and Responses to Stayman Question

Hand 1

♠ A 4 3  
♥ A 4 3  
♦ A 4 3  
♣ A J 4 3

Answer:

2♦  
No 4 cd-Major  
Does not say  
anything about  
Diamonds

Hand 2

♠ A K 3 2  
♥ 9 4 3 2  
♦ Q J 2  
♣ K Q

Answer:

2♥  
Have 4 Hearts and  
may have 4 spades

Hand 3

♠ A K 9 8  
♥ T 9 8  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ Q 7 4

Answer:

2♠  
Have 4 Spades but  
Not 4 Hearts

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### Opener Bids Big Hands followed by 3C as Stayman

2NT  
3♦

3♣

2NT - 3♣  
3♥

2C - 2D  
2NT - 3♣

Hand 4

♠ A K  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ A J 3 2  
♣ A 4 3 2

Answer:

3♦

No 4 cd-Major

Does not say

anything about diamonds

Hand 5

♠ A K 3 2  
♥ Q 4 3 2  
♦ A Q J  
♣ K Q

Answer:

3♥

Have 4 Hearts and

may have 4 spades

Hand 6

♠ A K 9 8  
♥ A K 9  
♦ A Q  
♣ Q 7 4 2

Answer:

3♠

Have 4 Spades but

Not 4 Hearts

### Rebids By Responder

For each of Openers re-bids , Responder has a set of bids

RESPONDER'S REBID AFTER <u>OPENER REBIDS 2♦</u>		
SHOWING NO 4-CARD MAJOR		
POINTS	BID	DESCRIPTION
8-9	2NT	invites to game in 3NT
10-14	3NT	game is arrived at

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### Rebids by Responder to Stayman Answer Examples

Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3
♠ A 4 3 2	♠ A K 3 2	♠ A K 9 8
♥ A 4 3 2	♥ 9 4	♥ T 9
♦ 9 4	♦ 9 8 7 2	♦ J 9 6 3
♣ J 8 4	♣ K 3 2	♣ 8 7 4
Opener Rebids	Opener Rebids	Opener Rebids 3♦
2♦	2♦	to 3♣ Stayman
No 4 cd-Major	No 4 cd-Major	No 4 cd-Major
Responder bids	Responder bids	Responder bids
2NT invites	3NT	3NT
N     S	N     S	N     S
1NT    2C	INT    2C	2NT    3C
2D    2N	2D    3NT	3D    3NT
<b>P(OH 15PTS)</b>		
<b>3NT(OH 16/17 PTS)</b>		

<b>RESPONDER'S REBID AFTER <u>OPENER REBIDS 2♥</u></b>		
<b>SHOWING 4 CARDS IN HEARTS AND POSSIBLY 4 SPADES</b>		
POINTS	BIDS	DESCRIPTION
8-9	2NT	Shows 4-card Spade Suit
	3♥	Shows that hearts is also Responder's suit, invites game
10-14	4♥	Shows that hearts is also Responder's suit. Responder has enough points to go directly to game
	3NT	Shows 4-card Spade Suit only and game points

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### Responder's Hands ( 1-3)

#### Hand 1

♠ A4 3 2  
♥ A4 3 2  
♦ 9 4  
♣ J 8 4

Opener Rebids  
2♥

Found a Fit  
Responder bids  
3♥ invites

N	S
1NT	2C
2♥	3♥
?	

P(ON 15PTS)

4♥ (ON 16/17 PTS)

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#### Hand 2

♠ A K 3 2  
♥ 9 4 3 2  
♦ 9 8 7  
♣ K 3

Opener Rebids  
2♥

Found a Fit  
Responder bids  
2♥

N	S
1NT	2C
2♥	4♥
?	

#### Hand 3

♠ Q 9 8 2  
♥ A T 9 8  
♦ J 9 6  
♣ 8 7

Opener Rebids 3♥  
to 3♣ Stayman

Found a Fit  
Responder bids  
4♥

N	S
2NT	3C
3♥	4♥
?	

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### Responder's Hands ( 4-6)

**Hand 4**

♠ A4 3 2

♥ A4 3

♦ 9 4

♣ J 8 4 3

**Opener Rebids**

**2♥**

**Shows 4 hearts**

**May have 4 spades**

**No Fit yet**

**Responder bids**

**2NT showing 4  
spades; invites**

**Hand 5**

♠ A K 3 2

♥ 9 4 3

♦ 9 8 7

♣ K 3 2

**Opener Rebids**

**2♥**

**Shows 4 hearts**

**May have 4 spades**

**Responder bids**

**3NT showing 4-♠  
and game values**

**Hand 6**

♠ Q 9 8 2

♥ A T 9 8

♦ J 9 6

♣ 8 7

**Opener Rebids 3♥**

**to 3♣ Stayman**

**Shows 4 hearts**

**May have 4 spades**

**Responder bids**

**3NT showing 4spades,  
Opener can covert to 4S**

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### **RESPONDER'S REBID AFTER OPENER REBIDS 2♠ SHOWING 4 SPADES ONLY**

<b>POINTS</b>	<b>BIDS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>8-9</b>	<b>2NT</b>	<b>Shows that Responder has 4-card Heart suit only, invites to game if Opener has 16-17 points</b>
	<b>3♠</b>	<b>Shows that Spades is Responder's suit and invites to game. Hands can now be revalued for suit play</b>
<b>10-14</b>	<b>4♠</b>	<b>Shows that Spades is Responder's suit; game has been arrived at</b>
	<b>3NT</b>	<b>Shows Responder has 4-card Heart suit only; game is possible in No Trump</b>

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### Hand 1

♠ A 4 3 2

♥ A 4 3 2

♦ 9 2

♣ J 8 4

Opener Rebids

2♠

Found a Fit

Responder bids

3♠ invites

N S

1NT 2C

2♠ 3♠

?

P(OON 15PTS )

4♠ (ON 16/17 PTS )

### Hand 2

♠ A K 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ 9 8 7

♣ K J

Opener Rebids

2♠

Found a Fit

Responder bids

4♠

N S

1NT 2C

2♠ 4♠

?

### Hand 3

♠ Q 9 8

♥ A T 9 8

♦ J 9 6 2

♣ 8 7

Opener Rebids 3♠

to 3♣ Stayman

Found no Fit

Responder bids

3NT(SHOWING 4 HEARTS )

N S

2NT 3C

3♠ 3NT

P

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NO TRUMP BIDDER'S REBIDS		
Opener's Points	Responder's Bid	NOTRUMP Bidder's Rebids
15 points	2 NT	PASS
	<i>3♥ or 3♠ after Opener's 2♥ or 2♠ response</i>	PASS
16-17 points	2 NT	3 NT
	<i>3♥ or 3♠ after Opener's 2♥ or 2♠ response</i>	4♥ or 4♠

### Opener's Hands (1-2)

#### Hand 1

♠ AJ 3  
♥ AJ 3  
♦ A 4 3 2  
♣ J 8 4

Opener Rebids  
2♦

No 4 cd-Major  
Responder bids  
2NT invites

Opener P(ON 15)  
Bids 3NT(on 16/17)

#### Hand 2

♠ A K 3  
♥ 9 4 3  
♦ Q 8 7  
♣ A K 3 2

Opener Rebids  
2♦

No 4 cd-Major  
Responder bids  
3NT

Opener Passes

### Responder's Hand

#### Hand 3

♠ A K 9 8  
♥ T 9 8  
♦ J 9 6  
♣ 8 7 4

Opener Rebids 3♦  
to 3♣ Stayman

No 4 cd-Major  
Responder bids  
3NT

Opener Passes

This hand strong enough and too  
balanced can bid 3NT directly  
(4333) by Responder

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### Opener's Hands (4-6)

#### Hand 4

♠ A432  
♥ A432  
♦ A Q  
♣ J84

#### Hand 5

♠ A K 3 2  
♥ A 4 3 2  
♦ K 8 7  
♣ K 3

#### Hand 6

♠ A K 9 8  
♥ K T 9  
♦ A 9 6  
♣ A K 7

#### Opener Rebids

2♥

#### Responder bids

3♥ invites

#### Opener Rebids

2♥

#### Responder bids

3NT(shows 4 spades  
and 10-14 points)

#### Opener Rebids 3♠

to 3♣ Stayman

#### Responder bids

3NT(shows 4 hearts)

#### Opener P(on 15)

Bids 4♥ (on 16/17 pts)

#### Opener corrects to

4♠

#### Opener Passes

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### Garbage Stayman

Used with weak hands and special distribution of cards.

Distribution with 4-4-5-0 or 4-4-4-1 are classic sets for garbage stayman

e.g.

**Hand 1**

♠ Q 5 4 3  
♥ J 4 3 2  
♦ T 9 8 7 2  
♣ -

**Hand 2**

♠ J 9 8 4  
♥ 8 7 5 3  
♦ J 9 8 7  
♣ 2

**Hand 3**

♠ J 9 8 4  
♥ T 7 5 3  
♦ J 9 8 7  
♣ 2

**Hand 1**

N	S
1NT	2C
2♦	P

**Hand 2**

N	S
1NT	2C
2♦	P

**Hand 3**

N	S
1NT	2C
2♥	P

### Stolen Bid

If you wanted to say 2C for Stayman and right Opponent bids 2C – Bid is not available. To get around this problem you can use a **DOUBLE** to indicate to partner that you were going to bid 2C as Stayman

W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S
P	1NT	2C	DBL	P	1NT	2C	DBL
P	2♦	P	2N	P	2♦	P	3NT
All Pass							

W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S
P	1NT	2C	DBL	p	1NT	2C	DBL
P	2H	P	2N	P	2S	P	3NT
P	3♠	P	P	All Pass			

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**South**

♠ **K Q J 7**

♥ **J T 9 5**

♦ **8 7**

♣ **Q 6 4**

N	E	S
1NT	2C	Dbl
2D	P	2N
P	P	P

**South**

♠ **K Q 9 8**

♥ **8 6 4**

♦ **Q J 8 7**

♣ **K T**

N	E	S
1NT	2C	DBL
2H	P	3N
4S	All Pass	

**South**

♠ **K Q 4 3**

♥ **J T 6 5**

♦ **J 8 7 2**

♣ **J 5**

N	E	S
1NT	2C	DBL
2S	P	P
All Pass		

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### Homework

Partner opens 1NT. You are to bid Stayman. Opener has 3 responses.

What will you do for each of the 3 responses (2D,2H, and 2S)

South

♠ **K J 9 8**

♥ **J 9 8 5**

♦ **A 7**

♣ **9 6 4**

South

♠ **K J 6 2**

♥ **J 4**

♦ **8 7 2**

♣ **K J T 2**

South

♠ **K J 7 4 3**

♥ **5**

♦ **K 8 7 2**

♣ **A Q 5**

You are opener. In the auctions below what do you Bid?

♠ **A J 3**

♥ **A 4 3 2**

♦ **K Q 5**

♣ **J 8 4**

N  
1NT  
2H  
?

S  
2C  
3H

♠ **A J 3**

♥ **A 4 3 2**

♦ **K 8 7 2**

♣ **K 3**

N  
1NT  
2H  
?

S  
2C  
2N

♠ **K Q 9 8**

♥ **K J 9 8**

♦ **A 9 6**

♣ **Q 7**

N  
1NT  
2H  
?

S  
2C  
3C