10th June 2023

Bidding Guide- 5-card Majors, 15-17 1NT, 2 over1 Game Force

10 ^{er} June 2023			-	over1 Game Force									
OPENERS 1 ST BID	RESPONDING to 1NT	RESPONDING TO	OPENERS 2ND BID	COMPETITIVE BIDDING									
	(15-17 Total Points)	1 OF SUIT	After 1 level response										
(12)13-20(21) OPEN 1 OF	0-7 BALANCED or 5+card minor	WITH A SUIT FIT	When Opener's bid was	SUIT OVERCALLS									
LONGEST SUIT – counting long	– Pass	Add shortage points and	1NT 15-17	8-17 at 1 level 5+ cards									
points.	0-7 UNBALANCED with 5+card	drop length points	(Min 15-16, Max 17)	with two of top three or									
Rule of 20 may allow opening	Major - TRANSFER	Void - 5 points	Rebid following 2NT bid:	three of top five (AKQJ10)									
with 11+ HCP points (HCP+ no. of cards in longest 2 suits)	2 shows 5+ hearts	Singleton - 3 points Doubleton - 1 point	Pass (min)	Relax this requirement if holding opening hand.									
. .	2♥ shows 5+ spades (Response to 2NT opening	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3NT (max)	If forced to bid at 2 level									
Minimum number of cards in	similar using 3 + and 3 •)	After one of a major	Rebid following 4NT bid:	e.g. 2♣/♦ /♥ need 12-17									
suit for openings: 1♠ or 1♥ 5		With a major fit (3+ cards)	Pass (min)	and very good suit.									
1♥ 011♥ 5 1♥ 4	8+ BALANCED HANDS 8-9 bid 2NT (invitational)	0-5 PASS 6-10 raise to 2 level	6NT (max)	15-18 1NT overcall									
1♥ 4 1♥ 2	10-16 bid 3NT (game)	11-12 raise to 3 level		balanced with a stopper in									
Open longest suit.	17-18 Balanced bid 4NT	13+ bid game	When Opener's bid was 1 of a Suit	opponent's suit									
With 5/5 or 6/6 shaped suits bid	invitational to slam: Opener	6+ after 1♥ opening bid	(12)13-15 Minimum	RESPONDING to OVERCALLS									
higher ranked suit first.	rebids 6NT with maximum (17)	1♠ with 4+ spade suit and	16-18 Medium	It is OK to pass without a									
If 4/4 in minors bid 1	and passes with minimum (15-	no fit in hearts.	19-20(21) Maximum	fit.									
For a balanced hand:	16) 1NT opening.		Shana	Raise partner's suit if you									
NO-TRUMP LADDER	8+ UNBALANCED HANDS	With no major fit 6-12 bid 1NT not enough	Single Suited	can.									
FOR BALANCED HAND	8+ with 4 card major/s bid 2	points for 2 level	6+ cards in suit	Don't bid a new suit									
(4333,4432,5332)	(Stayman see left column).	response.	Two Suited	unless you have a good hand or tolerance in									
HCP + length points	8-9 (invitational) with 5 card	13+ 2 level response -	5+ cards in one suit	overcaller's suit									
12 -14 Open 1 of suit and	major transfer (see above) then	unable to bid at 1 level	and 4+ in another										
rebid 1NT	bid 2NT	forced to bid new suit at	Balanced	<u>6-9 (10)</u> and 3 card trump									
15-17 Open 1NT	8-9 (invitational) with 6+ card	2 level (minor 4+cards,	4333, 4432, 5332	fit, raise to 2 level									
18-19 Open 1 of suit then	major transfer (see above) then	heart 5+) = 2 over 1 game force.	Support for	<u>6-9</u> and 4 card trump fit									
jump rebid 2NT 20-21 Open 2NT	bid 3 of major.	13+ balanced - bid 3NT	responder's suit	raise to 3 level									
22-24 Open 2 1 and rebid	10+ with 5 major transfer then		4+ cards in responder's suit	<u>6-9</u> with 5 card trump fit raise to 4 level									
2NT	bid 3NT - opener passes or bids	After one of a minor With a minor fit		10+total pts with fit, cue									
25+ Open 2€ and rebid 3NT	4 major with 3+.		For Balanced hands refer	bid opponents suit									
or open 3NT	10+ with 6+ card major transfer then bid game	(4+♦ or 5+ ♠) 6+ pts bid 1 of major with	to NO TRUMP LADDER in	DOUBLES									
		a 4+ card holding	column 1.	13+pts no long suit, shows									
STAYMAN	RESPONDING to Opening 2NT	Otherwise:	MINIMUM OPENING	3+ cards in other suits									
2 response to 1NT opening	0-3 Pass	0-5 PASS	HAND (12)13-15pts	preferably 4+ in majors									
is Stayman - looking for a 4-	4-11 with balanced or long minor bid 3NT	6-10 raise minor to 2 level	Single suited – bid own suit again at cheapest	and 2 or less in opener's									
4 major fit.	4-11 with 5 major transfer to	11-12 raise minor to 3	level	bid suit.									
Normally 8+ points	major then bid 3NT	level	Two suited – Bid second	<u>18</u> +pts Double and bid									
Responses by opener are:	4-11 with 6+ major transfer to	13+ consider bidding game in 3NT or 5 of the	lower ranked suit to show	again with very strong									
2 • No four card major	major and bid game in major	minor	4+ cards in that suit	hands									
2♥ Yes four hearts (may also	4-11 with 4 major bid 3₽		otherwise rebid first suit	RESPONDING to DOUBLE									
have four spades);	(Stayman see left column)	With no fit in the minor	Support for responders'	0-8 bid longest suit									
2 Yes four spades only.		6+ bid own suit with 4+ cards at 1 level, or	suit – minimum raise	preferably a major at the									
WITH FIT FOUND: 8-9 points raise to 3 major	4 GERBER Ace asking bid (how many Aces)	6-10 bid 1NT	MEDIUM OPENING HAND	cheapest level 9-11 jump bid with									
10+ raise to 4 major	only used directly over NT	11-12 bid 2NT	16-18pts	longest and best suit									
WITH NO FIT FOUND (yet):	specifically: 1NT-4 ⁺ ,	13-15 balanced bid 3NT	Single Suited – Jump in	<u>12+</u> jump to game or bid									
8-9 points bid 2NT	2NT-4♣, 2♣-2♦-2NT-4♣	Note: 2 🕈 over opener's	own suit Two Suited – Bid second	openers suit (cue bid)									
10+ points bid 3NT	A follow-up of 5 P asks for	1♦ shows 13+ game	suit regardless of rank	PRE EMPTIVE BIDS									
Note following 2 [♥] response to Stayman, opener with both	numbers of Kings.	forcing: with 4+ clubs in	Support for responder –										
majors held can now bid 3 or		suit with no four card	Jump raise	Beginners guide – long suit with two of top three									
4	4 5 5	major.	MAXIMUM OPENING	or three of top five									
Similarly, 3€ response to a	Aces Kings		HAND 19-20(21)pts	Open WEAK 2 BIDS									
2NT opening (or 2C:2D,2NT)	4♦ 0/4 5♦ 0/4	REMEMBER: NEW SUIT	Single suited – Jump to an	6-10pts									
is Stayman (4+ points	4 1 5 1	BID by an unpassed	appropriate game	6-card suit: <u></u> 2♦,2♥,2♠									
required).	4 ♠ 2 5 ♠ 2	partner is forcing.	Two suited – Jump shift -	Open WEAK 3 BIDS									
	4NT 3 4NT 3	1♥ p 1♠ Forcing. 1♥ p 2♣ Forcing to game	jump a level and shift to	5-9pts									
		(2 over 1 bid)	new suit – game force	7-card suit: $3 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}, 3 \stackrel{\bullet}{$									
		1♣ p 1♥ p 2♥ (non-		Open WEAK 4 BIDS 5-9pts									
		forcing, as an "old" suit		8-card suit: 4♣,4♦,4♥,4♥									
		has been mentioned).											
4NT BLACKWOOD Ace asking	STRONG OPENING HANDS	Making the opening lead	Decide which suit to lead. Partn	er's suit is paramount in									
	Open with 2 🕈 (Artificial bid)	general, don't lead suits that the opponents have bid. Use recommended leads e.g. in											
If all Aces known, 5NT King ask	2 22+ pts balanced or 19+	o .	ce of 3 touching, or near touch	0									
4NT 5NT	unbalanced with good playing	of two or more touching; low card from an honour, top of a doubleton, 4 th highest of											
Aces Kings	strength and shape.	suit with an honour, 2 nd highest of 4 card suit without an honour, etc.											
<u>5</u> ♠ 0/4 6♠ 0/4	RESPONSE		ls it is ok to underlead an Ace v	-									
5 1 6 1	0-7 bid 2 • negative - waiting		ead an outside Ace in a suit co										
5• 2 6• 2	Positive response is 8+ respond with 5+card suit		it contract and Aces are to cap card or a High card is used for the second sec second second sec	0									
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