

Stayman Response to 1Notrump

The 1NT opener holds 15 to 17 HCPs.
Game of 3NT requires about 26 HCPs.

Responder's Basic Requirements

- With 0 - 7 HCPs.....Pass
- With 8 - 9 HCPs.....Bid 2NT
- With 10 - 15 HCPs.....Bid 3NT

The range of 8 - 9 is INVITATIONAL
The range of 10 - 12 is GAME FORCING

Examples:

1. K54 A103 J984 653
Bid 2NT
2. A54 A103 K984 653
Bid 3NT
3. J6 986 AQJ87 653
Bid 2NT
4. J6 Q4 AQJ873 653
Bid 3NT
5. 6 K4 AQJ875 7543
Bid 3NT

Note that responder's hand need not be balanced. Don't aim for a minor suit when you have enough points to invite game or to bid game.



**When Responder has
a 4 (FOUR) card major
use the Stayman Convention
FOUR 4 FOUR 4 FOUR**

K875 AJ85 542 97
With this hand, responder has
two FOUR card majors, and should
use the Stayman Convention.

The Stayman Convention Responder bids 2 Clubs (artificial) over the 1NT Opening.

The bid of 2 Clubs says: "I have a 4 card major. Do you have a 4 card major?"

opener	responder
1NT	2♣

Responder says nothing about clubs.
He is asking opener a question:
"Do you have a 4 card major?"

Responder needs 8 or more HCPs.

Opener's response to 2 Clubs.

With one 4 card major, opener bids it.

With two 4 card majors, opener bids
2 Hearts (bid majors UP the line).

With no 4 card major, opener bids
2 Diamonds.

Responder's 2nd Bid

If Opener has bid YOUR major
Raise to 3 with 8 or 9 points
Raise to 4 with 10 to 15 points

If Opener has bid 2 Diamonds
(denying any 4 card major)
Bid 2NT with 8 or 9 HCPs
Bid 3NT with 10 to 15 HCPs

If Opener has bid spades when you
have hearts
Bid 2NT with 8 or 9 points
Bid 3NT with 10 to 15 HCPs

If Opener has bid hearts when you
have spades
Bid 2 Spades with 8 or 9 points
Bid 3NT with 10 to 15 points.

Opener Sets the Final Contract

If Responder has jumped to 4 of Opener's major, then Opener passes.

If Responder has jumped to 3NT, Opener passes.

But if Opener has 4 hearts and also 4 spades, Opener should bid 4 spades.

KJ84	AQ97	K108	K9
opener	responder		
1NT	2♣		
2♥	3NT		
4♠			

(Responder must have 4 spades because he didn't jump to 4 hearts.)

If Responder has bid 2NT when you have bid spades,

Pass with 15 points & maybe 16
Bid 3NT with 17 & maybe 16

If Responder has bid 2 Spades when you have bid 2 Hearts,

With 4 spades
pass with minimal strength
bid 4 spades with maximum

Without 4 spades
bid 2NT with minimal strength
bid 3NT with maximum