

TT / DT: 5D/H/S-Strong NT - SYSTEM CLARIFICATIONS

A. RESPONSES TO 1C OPENING

- P 0-5pts (except as below)
- 1D No 5-card major, 6-10pts with a 4-card major
- 1H/S 6-14pts with a 5-card major.
- 1NT 6-10pts no 4-card major. Could have a 5-card minor.
- 2C 11-14pts no 5-card major, could have a 4-card major.
2D rebid by opener is 11-12 opening, can have a 4-card major.
- 2D 15+pts any distribution. See below for continuations.
- 2H/S 0-5pts and a 6-card suit.
- 2NT 11-12pts balanced (no 4-card major)
- 3C/D 6-10pts, 6-card suit min, no 4-card major
- 3NT 13-15pts balanced (no 4-card major)

NB

1. The above responses apply after intervention, where possible.
2. Sequences 1C - 1D - 2D or 1C - 2C - 3D show 5 clubs and 4 diamonds and are a reverse. Also, 1C - 1M - 2D show 5 clubs 4 diamonds and is a reverse.
3. 1C counts as a suit for 4th suit forcing.
4. 'NT' Rebids after 1C - 2C:-
 - a. 2D: 11-12
 - b. 2NT: 18-19 (Responses: Stayman & Transfers as after 2NT opener)
 - c. 3NT: 13-14

With 15-17, the opening bid would have been 1NT.

After 1C - 2D:

1. 2H/2S: 12-14 unbalanced. Lowest 4-card major; may contain a longer minor.
2. 2NT: 12-14, fairly balanced. May contain a 4-card major and / or a longer minor.
Responses: 3C: 4-card Stayman (3D response: no 4-card major); suits 5+ card GF;
3NT to play; 4NT quantitative (19-20 HCP).
3. 3C/3D: 5+ card suit. No 4-card major.
4. 3H/3S:
 - Either: 15+ unbalanced. Lowest 4-card major; may contain a longer minor.
 - Or: 18-19 balanced. Lowest 4-card major; may contain a longer minor.
 - (With 15-17 balanced, the opening bid would have been 1NT.)

Responder's Rebids: 5+ card suits, NT.

B. Responses to 1D

1. 1H/S: 6-10 with 4-card suit, or 6-14 with a 5-card suit
 2. 1NT: 6-10, denies a 4-card major
 3. 2C: 11-14pts no 5-card major, could have a 4-card major.
2D rebid by opener is 11-12 opening, can have a 4-card major.
 4. 2D: 15+pts any distribution. See below for continuations.
 5. 2H/S: Weak; 0-5 with 6+card suit.
 6. 2NT: Good raise to 3D.
 7. 3D: Pre-emptive raise in Diamonds.
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C. Responses to 1H / 1S

1. 1S: 6-10 with 4-card suit, or 6-14 with a 5-card suit
 2. 1NT: 6-10. Denies 4 Spades over 1H, but can have 4+ Hearts.
 3. 2C: 11-14. Denies 4 of the other major and 4+ card support.
 4. 2D: 15+, any distribution.
 5. 2H over 1S: 4+ cards, 11+ HCP.
 6. 2H/S raise: 7-9, 3+ card support.
 7. 2NT: Game Force. Jacoby. See Note 8a.
 8. Major and Minor Splinters. Game force, 4-card support; mild slam try. Single jump shows a singleton. Double jump shows a void (NOT a singleton Ace).
 9. 3H/S raise: 10-12, 3+ card support.
 10. Game raise: Shut-out bid. Opener will usually pass. With values, responder should choose another bid.
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D. RESPONSES TO 5-CARD STAYMAN (1NT – 2C - ??)

1. 2H/S Minimum, 5-card suit
2. 3H/S Maximum, 5-card suit
3. 2NT Minimum, no 4/5-card major
4. 3NT Maximum, no 4/5-card major
5. 2D 4-card, but no 5-card, major

After 2D response to Stayman, either responder or opener show 4-card majors in ascending order, and jump – in a major or in NT – with a maximum.

E. WRIGGLE AFTER WE DOUBLE AN OPPOSING 1NT OPENING

With a weak hand, doubler's partner may bid as below:-

1. 2C Stayman (2D response = no 4-card major; same as when our NT is doubled)
 2. 2D/H Transfers to H/S
 3. 2S Transfer to C (or D)
 4. 2NT Minor two-suiter.
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F. 2C OPENING BID AND RESPONSES

2C shows:-

1. A weak 6-card D suit 5-9ts (2 of top 3 honours 1st/2nd position)
2. A single strong self-standing suit C, D, H or S in an 8 playing-trick hand satisfying ER25.
3. 20-22 pts balanced with a 5-card suit.

Responses:-

1. 2D: the usual response, asking opener to clarify his hand. With weak D suit opener will pass, otherwise bid as above.
2. 2H: Responder has a strong hand, and wishes to explore even opposite a weak 2D hand. In this case, opener bids 2S. With a strong hand, he bids accordingly, ie. 2NT, 3C, 3D, 3H, 3S. After a 2S rebid, responder can bid 3D, invitational, or bid on himself (such as 3NT).
3. 2S: Shows a weak 2S opening hand. Opener (the 2C-bidder) can pass this.

After Intervention:-

1. Natural. Systems Off.
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