

INTERMEDIATE COURSE NO TRUMP SLAM BIDDING 1

GRAND SLAM
SMALL SLAM
GERBER
QUANTITATIVE BIDDING

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- THE GRAND SLAM NEEDS ALL 13 TRICKS AND HAS TO PREVENT THE DEFENDERS MAKING EVEN 1 TRICK.
- THE SMALL SLAM NEEDS 12 TRICKS AND HAS TO PREVENT THE DEFENDERS MAKING TWO TRICKS

THE NO TRUMP SLAMS

- NO TRUMP SLAMS TEND TO BE THE EASY SLAMS BECAUSE THE HCP COUNT IS RELIABLE FOR THE COMBINED STRENGTH OF HANDS.
- GRAND SLAMS REQUIRE 37 HCPS
- SMALL SLAMS REQUIRE 33/35 HCPS

BEFORE WE GET INTO THE LESSON
ITSELF WE NEED TO CARRY OUT A QUICK
CHECK ON YOUR STRONG TWO BIDDING
SKILLS

CHECK ON STRONG TWO BIDDING

2NT BID = 20 – 22 hcps

Responses:

- **Negative - < 4/5 hcps – PASS**
- **Positive - 4 to 10 hcps – 3NT (or seek major fit)**
- **Positive - 11+ hcps – Look for Slam (Quantitative or Gerber)**
- **(Transfer bid – looking for game or slam)**

CHECK ON STRONG TWO BIDDING

2D/2H/2S – Guarantees 8 tricks: may be played as Forcing or Non-forcing.

Responses:

- **Negative 2NT – < 8 hcps**
- **Positive 8+ hcps inc an Ace or a King**
- **Positive only An Ace and a King**
- **Positive a five card suit inc Ace and Queen minimum.**
- **POSITIVE = GAME CERTAIN/SLAM POSSIBLE**

CHECK ON STRONG TWO BIDDING

2C – 23+hcps or 9+ tricks guaranteed. Bidding
CANNOT stop short of 2NT

Responses:

Negative 2D - <7 hcps. The Double Negative 2NT - <2 hcps

Positive 7+ hcps with 5/4 card suit headed by Ace or King

Positive 2NT showing balanced 7-9 hcps

Positive 3NT showing balanced 10-12 hcps

Positive jump bid showing AKQJXX

POSITIVE – GAME CERTAIN SLAM POSSIBLE

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1D

1H S - A Q 8

H - K J 7 2

D - A J 10

C - A J 7

2NT

???

37 HCPS – SO BID 7NT IMMEDIATELY
NOT EVEN A NEED TO LOOK FOR ACES

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2NT

??? S – Q 10 9

H – A 10 8

D – A J 3 2

C – Q 9 7

33/35 HCPS – SO BID 6NT IMMEDIATELY
NOT EVEN A NEED TO LOOK FOR ACES

QUANTITATIVE BIDDING

PARTNER OPENS 1NT (12 to 14)

Responses

Flat hand & 19/20 points bid 4NT. With 12 points Partner will Pass, with 14 points he will bid 6NT ($14 + 19 = 33$)

Flat hand & 21/22 points bid 6NT ($21 + 12 = 33$)

Flat hand & 23/24 points bid 5NT. With 12 points Partner will bid 6NT, with 14 points he will bid 7NT ($14 + 23 = 37$)

QUANTITATIVE BIDDING

PARTNER OPENS 2NT (20 TO 22)

Responses

Flat hand & 11/12 points bid 4NT. With 20 points Partner will Pass, with 22 points he will bid 6NT ($22 + 11 = 33$)

Flat hand & 13/14 points bid 6NT (Min $20+13$, Max $22+14$)

Flat hand & 15/16 points bid 5NT. With 20 points Partner will bid 6NT, with 22 points he will bid 7NT ($15 + 22 = 37$)

QUANTITATIVE SLAM

Declarer East

N	E	S	W
10 6 5 3	K Q	9 8 7	A J 4 2
7 5 4 3	K Q 10	J 9 2	A 8 6
8 3 2	A K 7 6	Q 9 4	J 10 5
7 6	K 10 8 3	A Q 5 4	J 9 2
	2NT	PASS	4NT
PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS

GERBER = NO TRUMP

NO TRUMP SLAMS ARE NOT ALWAYS MADE FROM TWO FLAT HANDS. TO HELP BID A SLAM IT IS SOMETIMES HELPFUL TO KNOW YOUR COMBINED HOLDING OF ACES AND POSSIBLY KINGS.

AFTER PARTNERS OPENING BID OF 1NT/2NT WE CAN USE GERBER TO FIND THE HOLDING OF ACES & KINGS. IT IS USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH A LONG SOLID MINOR SUIT.

4C ASKS PARTNER FOR NUMBER OF ACES. 5C ASKS FOR NUMBER OF KINGS. THIS IS GERBER.

GERBER = NO TRUMP

RESPONSES TO 4C:

- 4D = 0 or 4 Aces
- 4H = 1 Ace
- 4S = 2 Aces
- 4NT = 3 Aces

Note: With Missing Ace(s) sign off in 4 NT

RESPONSES TO 5C:

- 5D = 0 or 4 Kings
- 5H = 1 king
- 5S = 2 Kings
- 5NT = 3 Kings

Note: With Missing King(s) sign off in 5 NT

GERBER SLAM

Declarer North - BID

N	E	S	W
A 5 6 3	Q J 10	7 2	K 9 8 4
A K Q J	9 4 3 2	6	10 8 7 5
A 2	9 4 3	K Q J 7 6 5	10 8
A 10 8	K 9 6	Q 7 3 2	J 5 4
2NT	PASS	4 CLUBS	PASS
4 DIAMONDS	PASS	5 CLUBS	PASS
5 HEARTS	PASS	6 NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

NO TRUMP SLAMS

HAND 1 – 7 NT (Declarer South)

N	E	S	W
A 5 4 3 2	--	Q J 10 9	K 8 7 6
K Q J	7 6 5 4	A 3 2	10 9 8
K 2	10 9 5 4 3	A Q J	8 7 6
A 3 2	10 9 8 7	K Q J	6 5 4

HAND 2 – 6 NT (Declarer South)

N	E	S	W
J 5 4	7 6	A K 3 2	Q 10 9 8
4 3 2	Q 7 6 5	A K	J 10 9 8
A K 4	7 6 5	Q J 2	10 9 8 3
A Q 3 2	9 8 7 6	K J 10 4	5

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HAND 3 – 6 NT (Declarer East)

N	E	S	W
Q 6 4	A 8 3	J 7 5 2	K 10 9
4 2	A Q 5	J 10 9 7	K 8 6 3
10 7 6 5 3	A K 4	J 2	Q 9 8
10 6 2	A Q 7 3	8 5 4	K J 9

HAND 4 – 3 NT ONLY (Declarer West)

N	E	S	W
A 8 7	10 9 5	6 4 3 2	K Q J
9 8 3 2	Q 10	7 5 4	A K J 6
10 9 8	K 7 6 2	A 4 3	Q J 5
10 5 4	K J 8 3	9 7 6	A Q 2

NO TRUMP SLAMS

HAND 5 – 6 NT (Declarer North)

N	E	S	W
A 5 6 3	Q J 10	7 2	K 9 8 4
A K Q J	9 4 3 2	6	10 8 7 5
A 2	9 4 3	K Q J 7 6 5	10 8
A 10 8	K 9 6	Q 7 3 2	J 5 4

HAND 6 – 4 NT ONLY (Declarer East)

N	E	S	W
10 6 5 3	K Q	9 8 7	A J 4 2
7 5 4 3	K Q 10	J 9 2	A 8 6
8 3 2	A K 7 6	Q 9 4	J 10 5
7 6	K 10 8 3	A Q 5 4	J 9 2

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HAND 7 – 6 NT ONLY (Declarer West)

S	W	N	E
10 6 5 3	K Q	9 8 7	A J 4 2
Q 5 4 3	K 10 7	J 9 2	A 8 6
8 3 2	A K 7 6	J 9 4	Q 10 5
7 6	K Q 8 3	A 9 5 4	A 10 2

HAND 8 – 5 NT ONLY (Declarer West)

S	W	N	E
9 8 7	J 4 3 2	K 6 5	A Q 10
10 7	Q 8 6 3 2	A K J	9 5 4
5 3	Q J 10	A K 4 2	9 8 7 6
K Q J 4 3 2	9	A 10 8	7 6 5