



Gerber: It's Not Baby Food










Quantitative 4 No Trump





The Gerber Convention

- Like Blackwood or RKC, Gerber is a slam exploration convention.
- Gerber, however, is used only following a natural bid of no trump.
- After a natural no trump bid, 4 no trump is quantitative, not control asking.
 - 1nt...4nt is quantitative.
 - 2nt...4nt is quantitative.
 - 1  ...1  ...2nt...4nt is quantitative.

Initiating Gerber

- You initiate Gerber with a bid of 4 , after a natural no trump bid.
 - 1 nt...4  is Gerber.
 - 2 nt...4  is Gerber.
 - 3 nt...4  is Gerber
 - 1 2  ... 3nt...4  is Gerber.
- This system is not universal. Discuss it with your partner.

Responses to Gerber

- 4  = 0 or 4 aces.
- 4  = 1 ace.
- 4  = 2 aces,
- 4 nt = 3 aces
- A bid of 5  asks for kings.
- The response is exactly the same as for aces.

Gerber Example 1

Partner
1nt


You
4 

Your Hand

 K 4 2

 A J

 K 5

 K Q J 10 4 3

Gerber Example 2

Partner

2nt

4nt

5 

You

4 

5 

7 nt

Your Hand

 K 4

 K Q J 10 9 5

 K 10

 Q 4 3

Gerber Example 3

Partner

2nt

3 

4 

You

3 


4 


6 nt

Your Hand

 K Q 4 2

 A J

 Q 10 5

 Q 10 4 3

Gerber Example 4

Partner

2 

2nt

4nt

You

2 

4 

6 nt

Your Hand

 Q 9 2

 A 5 2

 K J 10 8 7 5

 3

Gerber Example 5

Partner

You


2nt

4 

4 

4 nt

Partner's Hand

 Q 10 8

 K Q 10 7


 K J 9


 A K J

Your Hand

 K J 4

 A J 9

 Q 10 8





 Q 10 4 3

Quantitative No Trump

The Quantitative No Trump Bid

- When partner makes a quantitative 4 no trump bid, you are expected to:
 - Bid 6 no trump with a maximum count for your hand.
 - Pass with less than a maximum count.
- When partner makes a quantitative 5 no trump bid, you are expected to:
 - Bid 7 no trump with a maximum.
 - Bid 6 no trump with less than a maximum,

When is 4/5 No Trump Quantitative?

- The quantitative no trump bid can be used whenever partner has made a clearly defined no trump bid. Here are some examples.
 - 1nt...4 nt is quantitative.
 - 2nt...4 nt is quantitative.
 - 1  ...1  ...1nt...4nt is quantitative.
 - 2nt...5nt is quantitative.
 - 2  ...2  ...2nt... 5nt is quantitative.

When Do You Use Quantitative Bids?

- You use a quantitative no trump bid whenever:
 - Partner has defined her hand in a clearly limited range.
 - The maximum count of partner's hand will put your partnership in the slam range.
 - Any thing less than a maximum count leaves your partnership short of the slam range.

Quantitative Example

Hand 1

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ K Q 10 7

♦ K J 9

♣ A Q

Hand 2

♠ Q 10 8 2

♥ K Q 10

♦ K J 9

♣ A J 6

- Partner opens 1 no trump (15-17)
- Hand 1. 18 points just bid 6 no trump.
- Hand 2. 16 points bid 4 no trump.
 - Partner should bid 6 no trump with 17 points.
 - Partner should pass with less than 17 points.

Quantitative Example

Hand 3

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ Q 10 7

♦ Q 9

♣ A Q 8

- Partner opens 2 no trump (20-21)
- Hand 3. 13 points. Bid 4 no trump.
 - Partner will bid 6 no trump with 21 points.
 - Partner will pass with 20 points.

Quantitative Example

Hand 4

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ Q 10 7

♦ Q 9

♣ A Q 6

- The bidding: 2 ♣ ...
2 ♦ ...2 nt (22-24)
- Hand 4. 13 points. Bid 5 no trump.
 - Partner will bid 7 no trump with 24 points.
 - Partner will pass with less than 24 points.

Quantitative Example

Hand 5

♠ K 8 7 2

♥ 10 9 7

♦ 9 7

♣ K 8 5 2

- Partner opens 3n (25 27). Hand 5: 6 points bid 4nt.
- Partner will bid 6 no trump if he has 27 points.
- Partner will pass with less than 27 points.