

Simple Stayman

When partner opens 1NT with 15-17hcp and no 5 card major, to find a major fit, **2C Stayman** is used.

Opener responses after 2C are very simply and consist of the following:

- 2H 4H not denying S
 - § With 8-9 points and H, responder bids 3H
 - § With 10+ points and H, responder bids 4H
 - § With 8-9 points and S (or no 4 card major), responder bids 2NT
 - § With 10+ points and S (or no 4 card major), responder bids 3NT
- 2S 4S and no H
 - § With 8-9 points and S, responder bids 3S
 - § With 10+ points and S, responder bids 4S
 - § With 8-9 points and H (or no 4 card major), responder bids 2NT
 - § With 10+ points and H (or no 4 card major), responder bids 3NT
- 2D No 4 card major
 - § With 8-9 points responder bids 2NT
 - § With 10+ points responder bids 3NT

In addition to normal Stayman above, responder can use Stayman for the following situations:

- Responder has very weak hand with shortage in C and all other suits à Responder bids 2C and will pass any bid by the opener

This is known as Garbage Stayman