

Slam Bidding

Other sequences that may require investigation:

- 1M 2NT **Jacoby 2NT**, 4 card support and 13+hcp
- 1M 3M invitational, opener very strong
- 1M 3D **Bergen** = invitational and 4 card support
- 1M 3NT **Bergen** 13-15hcp 3 card support
- 1M 4x **splinter** good support and shortage in the suit bid
- 2NT 20-22hcp with responder being strong or a long suit
- 1M 2x **2/1** game force
- 1NT Responder strong and possible long suit
- 1m 2m **inverted minors**

Slam Bidding – 1430 RKCB*

In a suit contract, King of trump, same as aces, is a **Key Card**. So we have **5 Key Cards** (4 aces and king of trump).

Also **Queen of Trump** is an important card

4NT after a Major fit is established, asks for Key Cards.

Responses:

- **5C = 1 or 4 Key Cards**
- **5D = 0 or 3 Key Cards**
- **5H = 2 Key Cards and no Queen of trumps**
- **5S = 2 Key Cards plus Queen of trumps**

4 NT Blackwood = Asks for 4 aces only (No information about King and Queen of trumps)

4 NT RKCB = Roman Key Card Blackwood

Slam Bidding – 1430 RKCB

In a suit contract, King of trump, same as aces, is a Key Card.
Also Queen of Trump is an important card

After 5C or 5D, next suit up asks for queen of trump. Responses:

- Return to trump suit = **No queen** of trump
- **5NT yes** I have the Queen but **no other King** to show you
- Any other **suit** = **Yes** I have the Queen & this particular king

In response to 5NT we either show Kings or bid grand slam with a source of tricks

A Tip (If you remember) !!

Bidding a suit at 6 level says: If you have **Queen** of this particular suit, **bid 7**

Slam Bidding – 1430 MinorWood

To investigate slam in minors and be able to *sign off at 5 level*.
When a minor suit is established, 4C and 4D bids asks for Key Cards for C and D

Responses to 4C: (note we can sign off in 5C)

- 4D = 1 or 4 Key Cards → 4H asks for queen of club
- 4H = 0 or 3 Key Cards → 4S asks for queen of club
- 4S = 2 Key Cards and no Queen of trump
- 4NT = 2 Key Cards plus Queen of trump

Responses to 4D: (note we can sign off in 5D)

- 4H = 1 or 4 Key Cards → 4S asks for queen of diamond
- 4S = 0 or 3 Key Cards → 4NT asks for queen of diamond
- 4NT = 2 Key Cards and no Queen of trump
- 5C = 2 Key Cards plus Queen of trump

Hand Valuation – Responder after fit

The High Card Points

Length Points (Side suit with honour such as A/K or QJ)

Shortage Points (aggressive)**

doubleton = 1 point (0)

Singleton = 3 points (2)

Void = 5 points (4)

We add HCP, Length and Shortage points = Total Points

**** We use this if we have 4+ card support for partner's Major**

If we have 3 card support we use 0/2/4

Opener Hand Revaluation – after fit

Initial High Card Points

Length point for a side suit with two honors

Extra Length Points for trump suit

For a six card = 1 point

For a seven card = 2 points

Shortage Points

Doubleton ** = 0 point

Singleton = 2 points

Void = 4 points

We add HCP, trump Length points & Shortage points

**** 1 point for 2 doubleton**

Slam bidding – Example 1

Minorwood

You

♠ A K Q

♥ J

♦ A K J 9 7

♣ K J 8 5

Partner

♠ J 2

♥ Q 7 6

♦ 4 3

♣ A Q T 7 6 3

Bidding:

You

2C

Partner

3C

Positive with good 5+ card

Slam bidding – Example 2

You

♠ A K Q J 8 4

♥ K J 2

♦ Q

♣ A J 8

Partner

♠ 7 6 2

♥ Q 9

♦ A T 8 7 6 5 2

♣ 4

Bidding:

You

2C

Partner

2D

waiting

Slam bidding – Example 3

You

♠ A 5 4 3
♥ 7
♦ 9 3
♣ A Q 8 7 4 2

Partner

♠ K Q J T
♥ A K T 8 5 2
♦ A
♣ 6 3 (Strong 4 loser hand)

Bidding:

You

Partner

1H

Slam bidding – Example 4

Bergen

You

♠ K J 7 4

♥ J 8 5 4

♦ J 5 4

♣ A J

Partner

♠ A Q

♥ K Q T 6 2

♦ A 8

♣ K Q 6 3 (Strong 4 loser hand)

Bidding:

You

Partner

1H

Grand Slam Bidding – Example 5

You

♠ K 5

♥ A K 8 4 3 2

♦ A K T 6 3

♣ void

Partner

♠ A

♥ Q 9 6

♦ Q J 7 4

♣ J 8 7 6 2

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Bidding:

You

Partner

2C

Slam Bidding – Example 6

You

♠ A Q T 9 7
♥ A K T 3
♦ Q 7
♣ K J

Partner

♠ J 5
♥ J 8 7 5 2
♦ A K J 8 3
♣ Q

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Bidding:

You

Partner

1H

Slam Bidding

Hand 1 Tue 23/9/2025

Dealer West

North

♠ Q T 7 6 5 2

♥ A T 7 6

♦ Q 2

♣ 7

West

♠ 3

♥ K Q 8

♦ A K J 9 8 6 3

♣ K 9

♠ A K 9 4

♥ 5 3 2

♦ T 7

♣ A Q 6 2

East

♠ J 8

♥ J 9 4

♦ 5 4

♣ J T 8 5 4 3

South

Slam Bidding

North (Dealer)

Hand 2 Joan Butts

♠ A K Q J 8 4

♥ K J 2

♦ Q

♣ A J 8

West

♠ 5

♥ A T 8 7 6 4

♦ 9 3

♣ K 6 5 3

♠ T 9 3

♥ 5 3

♦ K J 4

♣ Q T 9 7 2

East

♠ 7 6 2

♥ Q 9

♦ A T 8 7 6 5 2

♣ 4

South

Slam Bidding

North

♠ K Q 3
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ 2
♣ J 7 6 5 2

Hand 3 Mon 22/9/2025

Dealer: East

West

♠ 7 5 4 2
♥ A
♦ A T 7 6 5 3
♣ Q 3

♠ A J 9
♥ Q J T 8 6
♦ K Q J 9
♣ K

East

♠ T 8 6
♥ K 5 3
♦ 8 4
♣ A T 9 8 4

South

Slam Bidding

North

♠ 9 3
♥ Q 8 7 2
♦ T 6
♣ A Q 7 4 3

Hand 4 Fri 19/9/2025

Dealer: South

West

♠ T 5 4 2
♥ 9 6 5
♦ Q 9 8 3
♣ J 9

♠ J 8 7

♥ A

♦ K J 7 5 2

♣ T 8 6 2

East

♠ A K Q 6
♥ K J T 4 3
♦ A 4
♣ K 5

South

Slam Bidding

North

♠ J 9 3
♥ A Q 7 6 5
♦ A T 7 5 4
♣ void

Hand 5 Fri 19/9/2025

Dealer: North

West

♠ Q T 5 2
♥ J T 4
♦ K Q 9
♣ Q 9 7

♠ 8 7 4

♥ 3

♦ J 6 3

♣ K J T 6 4 3

East

♠ A K 6
♥ K 9 8 2
♦ 8 2
♣ A 8 5 2

South

Slam Bidding

North

♠ Q J T 9 4 3

♥ T

♦ 8 2

♣ A K 9 4

Hand 6 Fri 19/9/2025

Dealer : West

West

♠ K 5

♥ A K 8 4 3 2

♦ A K T 6 3

♣ void

♠ A

♥ Q 9 6

♦ Q J 7 4

♣ J 8 7 6 2

East

♠ 8 7 6 2

♥ J 7 5

♦ 9 5

♣ Q T 5 3

South

Slam Bidding

North

♠ 6
♥ J T 8 6
♦ K 8 6 3
♣ K Q 7 4

Hand 7

Dealer: East

West

♠ A J 9 7
♥ A Q 9 3 2
♦ 9 7
♣ J 3

♠ K Q T 8 3

♥ K 5

♦ A 4

♣ A 9 6 5

East

♠ 5 4 2

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J T 5 2

♣ T 8 2

South

Slam Bidding

North

♠ K Q 6
♥ A K 4
♦ K Q 4 3
♣ K J 8

Hand 8

Dealer: South

West

♠ 9 8 5 2
♥ 9 8 7 3
♦ 6 2
♣ A 5 2

♠ J T

♥ J T 2

♦ T 8 7 5

♣ T 6 4 3

East

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ Q 6 5

♦ A J 9

♣ Q 9 7

South

Slam Bidding

North

♠ A 6 2
♥ K Q 7 4 2
♦ K 9 8 3
♣ 7

Hand 9

Dealer: North

West

♠ K Q J T
♥ A T 6
♦ 6 5
♣ 9 8 6 2

East

♠ 9 8 7 5
♥ J 8 5 3
♦ Q
♣ J T 4 3

♠ 3 2
♥ 9
♦ A J T 7 4 2
♣ A K Q 5

South

Slam Bidding

North

♠ Q T 2
♥ J 7 6 3
♦ J 9 8 6
♣ T 8

Hand 10

Dealer: West

West

♠ A 8 6 5 3
♥ K 9 4
♦ Q 7 2
♣ A 5

♠ K 7

♥ A Q T 8 5 2 East

♦ 3

♣ K Q 4 3

♠ J 9 4

♥ void

♦ A K T 5 4

♣ J 9 7 6 2

South

Slam Bidding

North

♠ A K Q
♥ J
♦ A K J 9 7
♣ K J 8 5

Hand 11

Dealer: North

West

♠ T 7 5 3
♥ T 9 8 5 3
♦ 6 2
♣ 9 2

East

♠ 9 8 6 4
♥ A K 4 2
♦ Q T 8 5
♣ 4

♠ J 2
♥ Q 7 6
♦ 4 3
♣ A Q T 7 6 3

South