



Presents:

1 NO – TRUMP FORCING

The 1 No – Trump Forcing convention is an integral part of the Two over One System.

What can we bid with this hand in the auction below?

NORTH
1♠

WEST EAST
P Pass

SOUTH

♠ 92
♥ 87
♦ QT9
♣ AKJ932

We would normally bid 2♣ with this hand but that bid is Game Forcing (showing 13+ points). So what do we do?

Note: After a 1♠ opening bid every new suit bid will be at the 2 level or above.

Rule: After Major Suit openings at the 1 level, the response of 1 No – Trump will:

1. show 6 – 12 total points
2. be forcing for one round

So South's bid of 1NT in response to partner's 1♠ opening bid shows:

6 – 12 pts.

almost any Shape

North must bid at least once more as a result of the 1NT bid.

NORTH
1♠

WEST EAST
P Pass

1NT
SOUTH

1NT is the best bid with our hand to the left. We intend to bid again with this hand and will get another chance because 1NT is forcing for 1 round.

AFTER MAJOR SUIT OPENINGS WE WILL, MOST OFTEN, HAVE 2 CHOICES

Two – Over One Game Forcing

All 2/1 Bids

1♠ → 2♣

1♠ → 2♦

1♠ → 2♥

1♥ → 2♣

1♥ → 2♦

1♦ → 2♣

**DO NOT
ENTER
with less
than 13 total
points**

Think of these two choices as two doors.

The 2/1 door is for all of our **game forcing** hands.

We can not go through this door without at least 13+ points.

Entering this door forces our partnership to game.

The 1NT Forcing door is for all of our hands that are not good enough to make a game forcing bid.

You go through this door with almost all of your hands that are **6 – 12** points.

I No – Trump Forcing

1NT Forcing
Bids

1♠ → 1NT

1♥ → 1NT

Remember:
We only use
1NT Forcing
after Major
suit opening
bids.

**ENTER
HERE
with your
6 – 12
points**

1 No – Trump Forcing

**ENTER HERE
with your
6 – 12
points**

Rules for 1NT Forcing:

- Only used by responder after 1 Level Major Suit openings
- Only in non-competitive auctions.
- 1NT is not forcing if responder is a passed hand.
 - If responder is a passed hand their 1NT bid will show 6 – 10 pts.
- Will show **almost any shape** hand that has 6 – 12 points



The hands with 6 – 12 points that **do not** go through the 1No – Trump Forcing door are:

After 1 Spade:

6 – 9 pts. & 3+ Spades

- Bid 2 Spades

10 – 12 pts. & 4+ Spades

- Bid 3 Spades

After 1 Heart:

6 – 9 pts. & 3+ Hearts

- Bid 2 Hearts

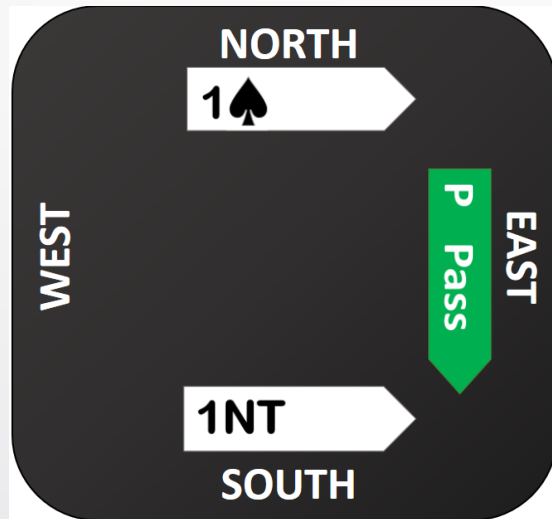
10 – 12 pts. & 4+ Hearts

- Bid 3 Hearts

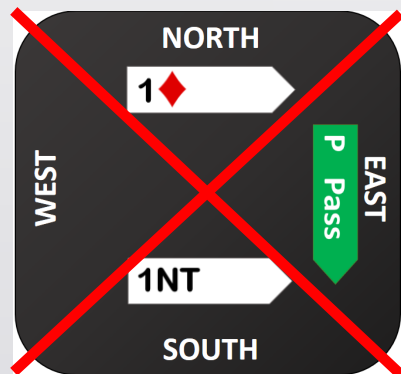
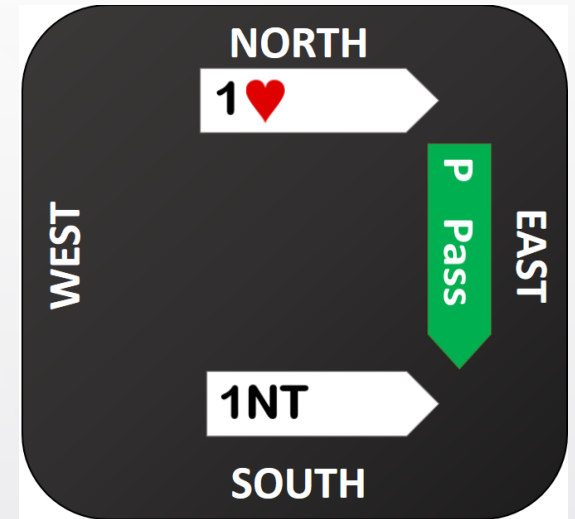
6+ pts. & 4+ Spades

- Bid 1 Spade

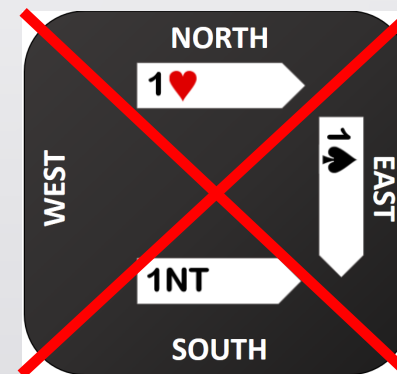
Here are **ALL** the potential 1NT Forcing sequences:



There are **only two** auctions where 1NT Forcing will **EVER** exist.

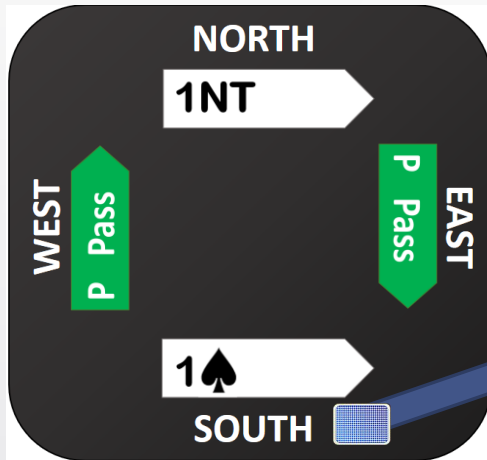


1NT is not Forcing when responding to a minor suit opening bid. Here it is 6 – 10 pts.



1NT is not Forcing in competitive auctions. Here it is 6 – 10 pts. & a stopper in Spades.

RESPONDING TO THE FORCING NO – TRUMP BID



♠ AQT98
♥ K4
♦ AT94
♣ 32

Most Common Responses to 1NT Forcing

With 6+ Cards in our Major and:

12 – 15 Points, Bid 2 of our Major

16 – 18 Points, Bid 3 of our Major

With 5 Cards in our Major and:

12 – 17 Points, Bid a New Suit

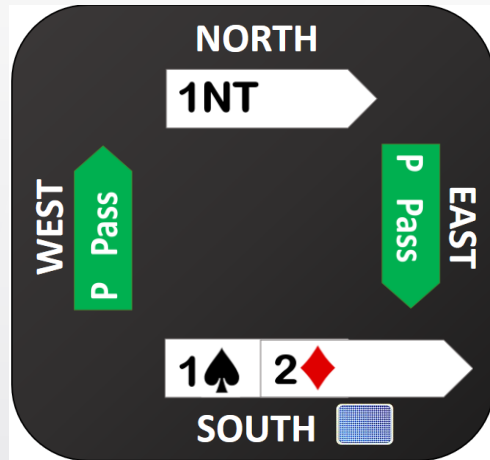
18 – 19 Balanced, Bid 2NT

The key point to remember is that the 1NT bid is Forcing for one round. So, if our opponent passes, we must make a bid!

So how do we decide what our next bid is?

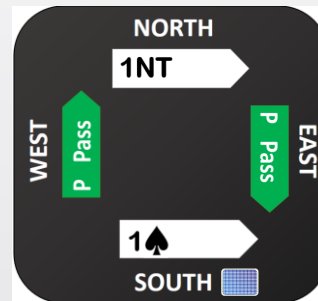
Can you pick out the best bid for South's hand now?

RESPONDING TO THE FORCING NO – TRUMP BID



♠ AQT98
 ♥ K4
 ♦ AT94
 ♣ 32

The best response for South with this hand is 2 Diamonds. South must bid something and their 4 card Diamond suit is the most logical choice on this hand. Let's bid a few more hands. In each of the examples to the right, you are South responding to 1NT →



(1) ♠ AQJT98
 ♥ K4
 ♦ AT9
 ♣ 32

♠ AKQT98
 ♥ A4
 ♦ KJT

(3) ♣ T2

(2) ♠ KQT98
 ♥ K432
 ♦ AT
 ♣ 32

♠ AQT98
 ♥ K42
 ♦ AT9

(4) ♣ 32

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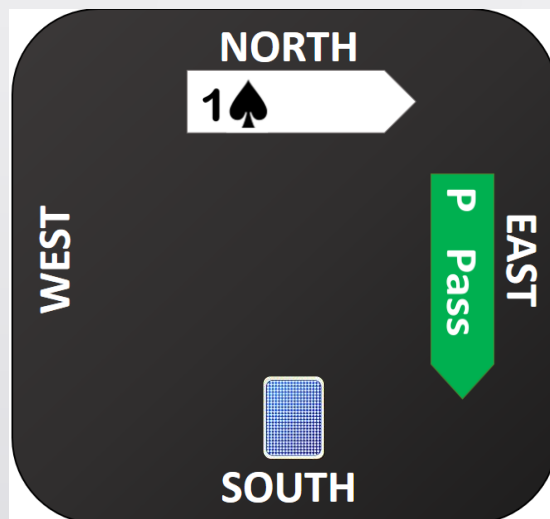
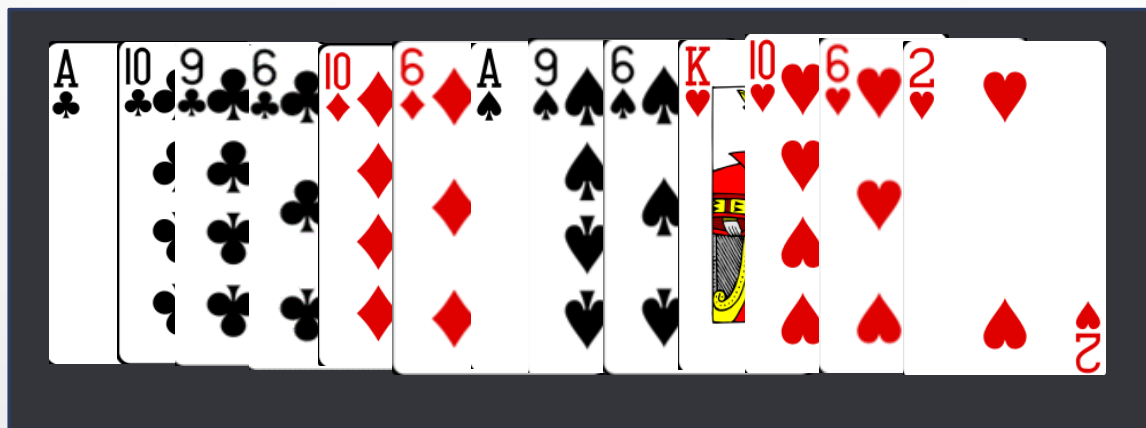
1. 2 Spades
2. 2 Hearts
3. 3 Spades
4. ???

The 4th example is a problem. What can we possibly bid with this hand after 1NT Forcing? Nothing seems to fit but we Must Respond.

Rule: When responding to 1NT Forcing, the opener is allowed to bid a 3 card Minor suit when they have no other choice.

We will bid 2 Diamonds with hand 4.

SPECIAL SITUATION WITH 1NT FORCING



This is a Special Situation that the 1NT Forcing bid can help us with.

What would you bid with this hand in response to North's 1 Spade opening bid?

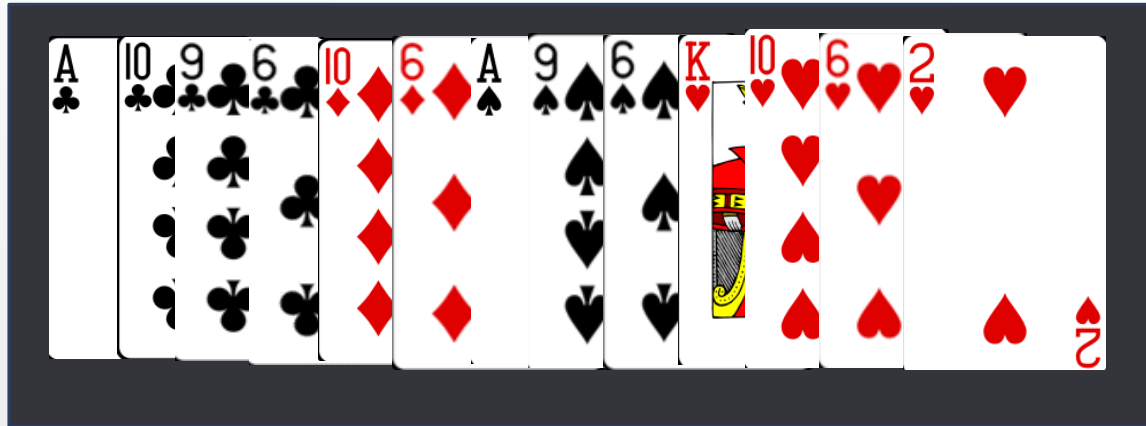
What the Potential Bids Mean:

- 2♠ = 6 – 9 points & 3+ Spades
- 3♠ = 10 – 12 points & 4+ Spades
- 2♥ = 13+ points & 5+ Hearts
- 2♣ = 13+ points & 4+ Clubs

1NT = 6 – 12 points

All of the suit bids are wrong for our hand. The only thing that fits is 1NT. The beauty of the Forcing No – Trump is that we know we will get to bid again.

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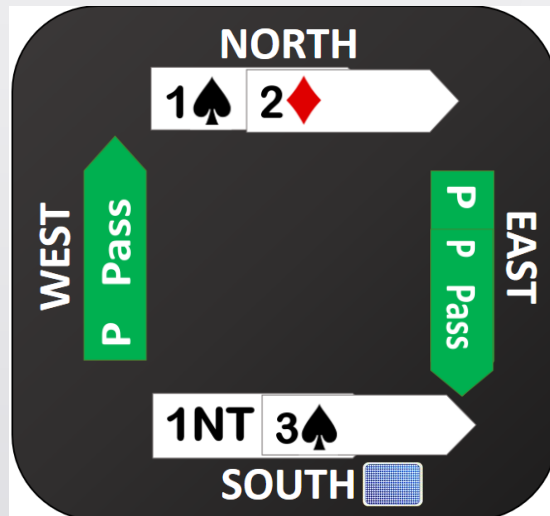
Major Suit Raises:

- 2 of Major = 6 – 9 and 3+ support
- 3 of Major = 10 – 12 and 4+ support
- 4 of Major = <10 pts. and 5+ support

Responding 2/1, then bidding the Major at our next turn shows 13+ pts. and 3 card support.

Responding 1NT, then jumping to 3 of the Major at responder's next turn shows, 10 – 12 pts. and exactly 3 of Major.

This is called a limit raise with 3 card support.



Rule: When our partner opens 1 of a Major, and we have 10 – 12 pts. and 3 card support for our partner's suit, we START WITH 1NT. At our next turn to call we bid to the 3 level of the Major Suit.

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