

Lesson 4 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Explain "Go with the Field"
 - a. This phrase means to do what every other bridge player in the room is going to do, holding the same cards that you do.

2. Explain which suit you bid first when you have 4 hearts and 4 spades. First, bidding "up the line" and also as a response in response to Stayman.

N	E	S	W
1NT	P	2C	2H

- a. Partner opens 1NT and you respond 2C as Stayman asking for a major suit. Partner should bid his cheapest suit (hearts) which shows 4 hearts and maybe 4S, with a bid of 2H. A bid of 2S in response to Stayman would deny 4H

3. How do you show doubleton when you have A,K doubleton of suit?
 - a. If you lead A from A,K, then lead K and then A. This shows a doubleton suit.
 - b. If you lead K from A,K, then lead A and then K. This shows a doubleton suit.

4. What is a “Help Suit Game” try?

a. A “help suit” means partner is bidding a secondary suit after agreeing on a primary suit, asking partner to bid game with “values” in the secondary suit. Values usually means 3 points in the secondary suit. If South has Q,J,X or K,X,X in diamonds and at least 8 points, he has help. Therefore, he bids 4H. If he doesn’t have at least 8 points, and at least 3 points in the “help suit”, he just bids 3H.

1H	P	2H	P
3D	P	4H	P

5. What is the “Rule of 15”?

a. In 4th suit only, if the number of high card points + number of spades equals 15 or more, open the bidding. Otherwise, pass it out.

b. Example: (S) 8,6,2 (H) K,J,9,5 (D) Q,J,7,6,5, (C) A,7 (11 points + 3 spades = 14) PASS

c. Example: (S) 7,5,3,2 (H) K,J,9,5 (D) Q,J,7,6,5 (C) A,7 11 points + 4 spades = 15) Bid

6. What are the pros and cons of opening a short club?
 - a. A short club is usually thought of as a convenient minor suit showing at least 3 clubs or 3 diamonds. As long as you don't distort the pattern of your hand, and partner knows you do not have 4 or more diamonds, then this short club bid is a good bid.
 - b. Example: (S) 7,6,5,4,(H) A,Q,J, 9(D) 8,5,2(C) A,K
You only have a doubleton club; however, your source of tricks is good with A, K and the preferred bid is 1C.
 - c. Under no circumstances should you open 1C, when you have 4 or more diamonds. If you open 1C and then bid diamonds, partner thinks you have 5 or more clubs.
7. With a NT hand and a 5 card major, what should you bid?
 - a. The general guidance is the weaker your 5 card major suit is, the better the 1NT opener is and you should open 1NT.

8. *Recommended Conventions:*

a. Drury (Regular, Reverse, or 2 Way) – Applies only in 3rd or 4th seat. Drury is a convention that asks partner if he has a full opener when he/she opened a major suit in 3rd or 4th position. The responder in any Drury convention must have 10 – 12 points. The 2C bid is completely artificial.

Regular Drury: In this example, North shows 10 – 12 points, and at least 3 hearts. South opened in 3rd seat. He bids 2D stating he does not have at least 13 points.

Partner retreats to 2H and bidding ends.

N	E	S	W
P	P	1H	P
2C	P	2D	P
2H	P	P	P

Reverse Drury: In this example, North shows 10 – 12 points and at least 3 hearts.

South opened in 3rd seat. He bids 2D stating that he has at least 13 points. Partner jumps to 4H and bidding ends.

N	E	S	W
P	P	1H	P
2C	P	2D	P
4H	P	P	P

2 Way Reverse Drury: In this example, North shows 10 -12 points and South bids 2D.

The 2D bid tells partner that he has 4 hearts, instead of 3 hearts. In reverse drury, a

Bid of 2H by South is less than a full opener. Any other bid is game going.

N	E	S	W
P	P	1H	P
2D	P	?	

b. **Stayman (Regular):** A response of 2C asks partner for a 4 card major suit. If partner does not have a 4 card major suit, he must pass.

Example: South has: (S) J, 9,8,6

(H) K,7,6,2

(D) Q,J,9, 2NT response (8 – 9 Points)

(C) Q,8,7

Example: South has: (S) Q,J,8,6

(H) K,J,6,2

(D) Q,J,9, 3NT response (10 - 15 Points)

(C) Q,8,7

N	E	S	W
1NT	P	2C	P
2D	P	2NT	P (8 – 9 points)
		3NT	P (10 – 15 points)

c. **Trash Stayman** (Garbage Stayman). Under Trash Stayman, bid with 0 – 9 points after partner opens 1NT.

You pick up the following hand:

(S) 7,5,3,2

(H) J,10,6

(D) 9,7,4,3,2

(C) 8,5

N	E	S	W	
1NT	P	2C	P	(Your 2C bid shows 0 – 9 points.)
2D	P	P	P	

You **pass** any response that partner bids such as **2D**, or 2H, or 2S. The opponents have more total points (22 points) than your partnership (17 + 1 = 18), so you have to take tricks thru suits rather than point count.