

No Trump Ranges

<u>HCP</u>	<u>Bidding</u>
12-14	Open suit, rebid NT at lowest level
15-17	Open 1NT
18-20	Open suit, rebid NT at higher level
20-22	Open 2NT
23+	Open 2 Clubs, rebid NT

When we open 1NT or 2NT we convey a lot of information with a single bid. We tell partner about the nature of our hand (balanced) and the strength. However, we say nothing specific about suits that we hold – we have to start showing suits at the two level. That is why it is necessary to use Stayman and transfers to establish whether the hand should be played in a suit or in no trumps.

When opener rebids no trumps both opener and responder have already bid a suit, so we don't have the same problem (though we may have different problems).

Stayman and Transfers

Stayman and transfers are used when the partnership hasn't yet shown any suits. They therefore apply after

- 1NT opening
- 2NT opening
- 2NT rebid after opening 2♣
- 1NT overcall
- 2NT overcall after a 2-level opening by an opponent