

**U3A Warrington Beginners Bidding Summary Sheet**

OPENING BIDS		RESPONDING BIDS		OPENER'S REBIDS	
<b>BALANCED HANDS</b>					
12-14	Open 1NT		<b>Balanced</b>		
		0-10	Pass		
		11+	Stayman with 4 card major		Stayman responses
		11-12	2NT		Raise 2NT to 3NT with 14pts
		13-18	3NT		Pass
		19+	See slam bidding		
			<b>Unbalanced</b>		
		0-10	2d,2h,2s with a 5 card suit (not 2c which is Stayman)		Pass
		11-12	2NT with minor strength		Raise 2NT to 3NT with 14pts
			Stayman with 4 card major		Stayman responses
		13-18	With 5/6 card suit bid 3 in the minors		Raise to 3NT if stoppers in other suits
			With 5 card suit bid 3 in the majors		Raise to game with at least 3 card support
			With 6 card suit bid 4 in the majors		Pass
		19+	See slam bidding		
15-19	First open 1 of a suit			15-16	Rebid NT at the lowest level (pass after 1NT)
	(see unbalanced hands) then rebid NT		See responses to opening bids of one of a suit	17-18	Jump rebid NT
				19	Jump rebid to 3NT
<b>UNBALANCED HANDS</b>					
	<b>Opening Bids of one of a suit</b>	0-5	Pass		<b>After limited response (same suit or NT)</b>
					If combined points below game, pass.
12-19	a). Longest suit	6-9	Bid 2 of the same suit if 4+ cards in openers major suit		If game possible if partner is maximum raise one level inviting partner to bid game
			Bid 4+ card suit at the one level		
	b). Lower ranking of 2/3 four card suits		Bid 2 of the same suit if 4+ cards in openers minor suit		If game is certain even if partner minimum, bid game
			Bid 1NT - need not be balanced hand (dustbin bid)		
	c). Higher ranking of 2 five card suits				<b>After forcing response (new suit) opener must rebid</b>
		10-12	Bid 3 of the same suit if 4+ cards in openers major suit	11-15	Raise responders suit with a 4+ card fit
			Bid own 4+ card suit at two level but only if can't bid at one level		Bid a new suit at the one level
			Bid 4 card major at 1 level in preference to 5 card minor at 2 level		Bid a new lower ranking suit at the two level
			Bid 3 of the openers minor suit if 4+ cards (if not suitable for NT)		Rebid your 5+ card suit
			Bid 2NT if balanced		
				16-18	Jump support responder's suit with 4+ card fit
		13-15	Bid 4 of the same suit if 4+ cards in openers major suit		Bid a new higher ranking suit at the 2 level
			Bid own 4+ card suit at two level but only if can't bid at one level		Jump bid in a new suit
			Bid 4 card major at 1 level in preference to 5 card minor at 2 level		Jump rebid your suit with 6+ cards and 7 playing tricks
			Bid 4 of the openers minor suit if 4+ cards (if not suitable for NT)		
			Bid 3NT if balanced	19	Bid game in partner's suit with a fit or bid 3NT.
					Jump bid in a new suit
		16+	Jump bid to a new suit. Must be a 5+ card suit		

Stayman	Blackwood	Gerber
Bid 2c in response to 1NT opening to check if you have 4 cards in the major	A bid of 4NT is asking for aces	A bid of 4c is asking for aces
Need 11+pts to bid Stayman as you need to bid 2NT at 11+pts	The responses are :-	The responses are :-
Partners responses are	5c = 0 or 4, 5d = 1, 5h = 2, 5s = 3	4d = 0 or 4, 4h = 1, 4s = 2, 4nt = 3
2d = no 4 card major		
2h = 4 hearts	5NT is asking for kings using the same response system.	5c is asking for kings using the same response system.
2s = 4 spades	Difficult to stop if NT is going to be the contract.	
You can also use Stayman with 0-10 pts with 4-5 or 5-4 because you can rebid the 5 card major after 2d reply.	You can also use Stayman with 0-10 pts with 4-5 or 5-4 in the majors because you can rebid the 5 card major after 2d reply.	Decide with partner whether previous natural bid of Clubs nullifies use of Gerber