



MegaHand and Slam Bidding Help Document

Summer 2021

SLAM BIDDING INFORMATION:

6-level	Small Slam	Need 33ish points (including Distribution for a Fit) Need at least 3 of the 4 Aces
7-level	Grand Slam	Need 37ish points (including no more than ONE Distribution point for a Fit) Need all 4 Aces and all 4 Kings

BLACKWOOD Used any time you've introduced suits into an auction. This includes Opening NT but then bidding Stayman / Jacoby.

There is no special 'hint' about when to ask for Aces.

The 'hint' is that a partner has figured out that the partnership is around 33ish points. 33 – **ish**

Many players ask for Aces around 31-32+ points because you're just so close!

<p>4NT – Blackwood – Ask for Aces <i>Ask for Aces when you think you are 33ish points</i></p> <p>Answers:</p> <p>5C 0 or 4 Aces <i>Partner should be able to tell the difference</i></p> <p>5D 1 Ace</p> <p>5H 2 Aces</p> <p>5S 3 Aces</p>	<p>5NT – Blackwood – Ask for Kings <i>Ask for Kings ONLY when your partnership has 37+ points AND you already know you have all 4 Aces.</i></p> <p><i>You are trying to get to a 7-level contract.</i> <i>If you only intend to play at the 6-level, don't ask for Kings</i></p> <p>Answers:</p> <p>6C 0 or 4 Aces <i>Partner should be able to tell the difference</i></p> <p>6D 1 Ace</p> <p>6H 2 Aces</p> <p>6S 3 Aces</p>
<p><i>Continue to 6-level Slam with 33ish points and at least 3 of the 4 Aces</i></p>	<p><i>Continue to 7-level Slam with 37+ points <u>and</u> All 4 Aces <u>and</u> All 4 Kings. Otherwise, get out on the 6-level.</i></p>



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GERBER Used immediately after Partner's 1NT or 2NT Opening Bid. This is Responder's first bid.

You are using Gerber directly over 1NT and 2NT Openers to keep the auction as low as possible if you do not have enough Aces.
You use as Responder when you do not have Stayman or Jacoby. You know immediately after Partner's 1NT of 2NT Opening that you will play in NT.
You need 33ish+ points to Ask for Aces.

<p>4C – Gerber – Ask for Aces <i>Ask for Aces when you think you are 33ish points</i></p> <p>Answers:</p> <p>4D 0 or 4 Aces <i>Partner should be able to tell the difference</i></p> <p>4H 1 Ace</p> <p>4S 2 Aces</p> <p>4NT 3 Aces <i>Not Blackwood! An Answer to Gerber!</i></p>	<p>5C – Gerber – Ask for Kings <i>Ask for Kings ONLY when your partnership has 37+ points AND you already know you have all 4 Aces.</i></p> <p><i>You are trying to get to a 7-level contract. If you only intend to play at the 6-level, don't ask for Kings</i></p> <p>Answers:</p> <p>5D 0 or 4 Aces <i>Partner should be able to tell the difference</i></p> <p>5H 1 Ace</p> <p>5S 2 Aces</p> <p>6NT 3 Aces</p>
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2NT MegaHand Openings

Opener holds a Balanced Hand. Opener holds 20-21 hcp. That specific.

Opener bids 2NT

RESPONDER OPTIONS

	STAYMAN	JACOBY TRANSFER	NATURAL RESPONSES
	<p>Responder holds a 4-card Major and 4+ hcp.</p> <p>Responder bids 3C - Stayman</p> <p>Opener rebids 3S, 3H, or 3D (if not holding a 4-card Major)</p>	<p>Responder holds a 5+-card Major and 0+ hcp</p> <p>Responder bids 3D* with 5+ Hearts. Responder bids 3H* with 5+ Spades.</p> <p>Opener rebids the transferred Major</p>	<p>Responder does not have a 4-card Major. Responder does not have a 5+-card Major.</p> <p>Responder bids some level of NT</p>
4-11 points	<p>Responder continues bidding the Major suit with a Fit OR</p> <p>Responder returns to 3NT without a known Fit</p>	<p>Responder continues bidding the Major suit with 6+ cards OR</p> <p>Responder returns to 3NT with only 5 cards in the Major suit</p>	Responder bids 3NT
12+ points	<p>Ask for Aces</p> <p>With at least 3 Aces, place the contract at the 6-level in a Suit (Fit) or in NT (no Fit)</p>	<p>Ask for Aces</p> <p>With at least 3 Aces, place the contract at the 6-level in a Suit (Fit) or in NT (no Fit)</p>	<p>Ask for Aces</p> <p>With at least 3 Aces, place the contract at the 6-level in NT</p>



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2C MegaHand Openings

Opener holds one of 3 different types of hands that can open 2C.

Most Common:	21+ hcp	5+-card Major Suit or 6+-card Minor Suit <i>21+ hcp are too many points to open 1C, 1D, 1H, or 1S</i>	Open 2C first
Next Most Common:	22+ hcp	Balanced Hand <i>22+ hcp are too many points to open 2NT with a Balanced Hand</i>	Open 2C first
Much Less Common But Still Happens:	?	9 Winning Tricks in the Opening Hand <i>Usually, no fewer than 17 hcp</i> <i>A Hand that has 9 Winning Tricks in hand is more valuable than its hcp value</i> <i>You need to make a big gesture to get Responder's attention</i>	Open 2C first



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2C MegaHand Openings – Opener has started with 2C from one of the 3 Opening options

RESPONDER FIRST OPTIONS

POSITIVE RESPONSE Bid Own Suit as a First Response	2D – WAITING Bid 2D as a First Response
Responder holds a 5+-card Major suit with at least 1 honor Responder has an Ace and a King <u>anywhere</u> in the Hand	Responder may have a long suit but <u>does not hold</u> an Ace and a King in the hand <i>Waiting is the bid you usually make as a first Response. If you cannot remember other options, just bid 2D.</i>



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Opener's 2nd Bid in a 2C Auction

POSITIVE RESPONSE Bid Own Suit as a First Response	2D – WAITING Bid 2D as a First Response
<p>Opener bids 2C as a first bid.</p> <p>Responder bids 2H or 2S as a very first bid to show Positive Response: 5-card Major and an Ace and King in hand (7+ hcp) <i>Technically, Responder could bid 3C or 3D. Don't.</i></p> <p><u>Opener's 2nd Bid:</u></p> <p>* Opener has 3-card support for Responder's 5+-card suit. Show support by bidding Game in Responder's suit</p> <p>OR</p> <p>* Opener does not have 3-card support for Responder's suit. Opener bids own 5-card Major suit now</p>	<p>Responder may have a long suit but <u>does not hold</u> an Ace and a King in the hand</p> <p><i>Waiting is the bid you usually make as a first Response. If you cannot remember other options, just bid 2D.</i></p> <p><u>Opener's 2nd Bid:</u></p> <p>* Opener shows a 5-card Major suit or 6+-card Minor suit OR Opener rebids 2NT to show a Balanced Hand</p>



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RESPONDER's 2nd BID in 2C Auction

POSITIVE RESPONSE Bid Own Suit as a First Response	2D – WAITING Bid 2D as a First Response
<p>Opener bids 2C as a first bid.</p> <p>Responder bids 2H or 2S as a very first bid to show Positive Response: 5-card Major and an Ace and King in hand (7+ hcp) <i>Technically, Responder could bid 3C or 3D. Don't.</i></p> <p>Opener raises to Game in Responder's suit OR Opener bids own 5+-card suit</p> <p><u>Responder's 2nd Bid</u></p> <p>* Responder does not have a Fit for Opener's new suit. Responder bids NT</p> <p>* Responder has enough points for Slam. Ask for Aces</p>	<p>Opener bids 2C as a first bid.</p> <p>Responder bids 2H or 2S as a very first bid to show Positive Response: 5-card Major and an Ace and King in hand (7+ hcp) <i>Technically, Responder could bid 3C or 3D. Don't.</i></p> <p>Opener rebids own 5+card Major OR Opener rebids 2NT</p> <p><u>Responder's 2nd Bid</u></p> <p>* Responder may support Opener's 5+-card Major or Responder may rebid own 5+-card suit now or Responder may rebid 3NT</p> <p>* Responder may use Stayman, Jacoby, or Natural Responding after Opener's 2NT rebid.</p> <p>* Responder has enough points for Slam. Ask for Aces</p>

