

# Advanced NT Bids—3 of a suit

NOTRUMP OPENING BIDS		
1NT	15 _____ to 17 _____	3 ♣ puppet
	14 _____ to 17 _____	3 ♦ 5-5 invitational
5-card Major common <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		3 ♥ singleton
System on over $\times$ , 2c		3 ♠ singleton
2 ♣ Stayman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Puppet <input type="checkbox"/>		
2 ♦ Transfer to ♥ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 ♦ , 4 ♥ Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Forcing Stayman <input type="checkbox"/>	Smolen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2 ♥ Transfer to ♠ <input type="checkbox"/> Lebensohl <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (fast denies)	Conventional NT Openings	
2 ♠ --> 3C	Neg. Double <input type="checkbox"/>	
2NT --3D	Other: Advanced Jac	Pre-accept
		2NT 20 _____ to 21 _____
		Puppet Stayman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Transfer Responses:
		Jacoby <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Texas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		3 ♣ minors-inv. _____
		3NT _____ to _____
		gambling _____

Today we will continue talking about new bids over no trump. Although I have categorized these bids as advanced, they are all extremely easy (except for Puppet Stayman, which we already covered).

There are a lot of ways to play **1NT—3C, 3D, 3H, or 3S**. You don't have to use this bid at all, but since they are bidding options, it might be good to assign a meaning to them.

## 3C—Puppet Stayman

If you are using Puppet Stayman (covered a while back), you have already assigned a meaning to 3C. What about 3D, 3H, and 3S?

## 3D—Invitational to Game or Slam

If you are using a transfer bid to get to 3D, then why not give 3D another meaning? Could it mean a good hand with long diamonds looking for slam in diamonds? Yes, that's a good use for it. Could it mean a hand that is specifically 5+ diamonds and 5+ clubs? Yes, that's another excellent use for this bid. Your partner will know you are unbalanced in the minors with 10 or more high card points. He can then decide if the hand belongs in no trump or a minor.

## 3H and 3S—The Fragment Bid

In the Richmond area, there are two uses of this bid that you will find on many players' cards. This bid means specifically 3 of one of the majors and 1 of the other with 10 or more high card points. Some players play that 3H means 1 heart and 3 spades and that 3S means 1 spade and 3 hearts. In other words, you bid your singleton at the 3-level. Others reverse that and bid the 3-card suit at the 3 level. Either way, your partner knows you have 9 cards in the minors, so he can decide if the hand belongs in no trump or a minor. This is particularly helpful in staying out of no-trump contracts when the no-trump opener has a doubleton in partner's singleton.