

# The Bridge Workshop 14-Notrump Review

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## Open Notrump with 15-17 balanced.

No singletons, no voids and any unstopped doubleton (one) or suits.

If 5-4, both doubletons are stopped and the majors are not 5-4.

Any 5-3-3-2 hand.

## Balanced Hand Openings:

12-14 Open a suit and rebid 1NT

15-17 Open 1NT

18-19 Open one of a suit and then jump in Notrump. (1♣-1NT-3NT)

20-21 Open 2NT (all suits need not be stopped)

22-24 Open 2♣ and rebid 2NT

25-27 Open 3NT

28+ Open 2♣ and rebid 3NT

## Responding to Notrump Ranges:

0-4 get partner to a good spot and pass  
transfer to a five card major and pass  
transfer to a six-card minor and pass  
Trash Stayman

5-7 Pass with no 5 card major  
don't transfer to a six-card minor and don't use Trash Stayman  
1NT is likely to make

6-8 with a good six-card minor, invite to 3NT with 3♣ or 3♦

8-9 Invitational Range  
Use Stayman with any four card major (even 5-4 in the majors)  
Rebid 2NT or 3M

10-15 Game Range  
Rebid 4NT or 4M

16+ Slam Range  
Gerber, Quantitative, transfer then Keycard or cuebid.

### Notrump Declarer Play

- Count your winners-sure&potential
- Watch sure & potential losers
- Develop Winners
  - Longest holdings
  - Good High & Intermediate cards
- Hold-up
- Transportation
- Danger Hand
- Timing
- Will Defenders take care of some tasks?

## Length Points:

Usuable suit. Not J10xxx and often not Qxxxx

Use at second chance to bid or when it is obvious the long suit is important.

AK543= 1 length points(lp)      AK6542 = 2 lp      AK76542 = 3 lp

29. North Dealer Both Vulnerable

♠AQ32  
♥KJ  
♦AQ83  
♣1098

♠4           ♠765  
♥10953      ♥Q62  
♦J1092      ♦K  
♣AKJ7      ♣Q65432  
♠KJ1098  
♥A874  
♦7654  
♣---

**Transfer: Rebid NT with 5 cards**

W	N	E	S	
		1NT	P	2♣
P	2♠	P	4♠	All Pass

Need a Golden Fit (8 or more spades)  
to count shortness points.

Safety Play:

Play to the Ace♦ and then  
play to the Queen♦

Ruff in Short Hand. Draw Trump w other

Transportation: Trump

4♠N= +620   4♠N+1 +650 (with safety)

30. East Dealer None Vulnerable

♠9  
♥J43  
♦Q876  
♣AKJ65  
♠AJ2       ♠6543  
♥KQ       ♥1098765  
♦AJ95      ♦32  
♣10987   ♣4  
♠KQ1087  
♥A2  
♦K104  
♣Q32

**Responding With 0-7**

W	N	E	S
		P	1♠
1NT	P	2♦	P
2♥	P	P	P

Opening Lead: 9♠

Note: East has a hand to do a Texas Transfer

But an opponent has bid and  
opponents cannot have a ♠ fit  
so Jacoby is fine

0-7 Range- transfer and pass

2♥W= +110

31. South Dealer North South Vulnerable

♠AJ  
♥KQJ  
♦AJ92  
♣10987  
♠432       ♠KQ65  
♥54       ♥A32  
♦K108      ♦Q7  
♣K5432   ♣AQJ6  
♠10987  
♥109876  
♦6543  
♣---

**Talkin' Trash**

W	N	E	S
			P
P	1NT	Dbl	2♣
P	2♦	P	2♥

All Pass

Double is 15-18

West has nothing to say

Trash Stayman was used

5-4 in the majors

Play to 9♦ then the Jack♦

1NNx-2 -500       2♥S+2 +170

32. West Dealer East West Vulnerable No Superacceptance Over 2NT
- |          |  |    |          |     |   |
|----------|--|----|----------|-----|---|
| ♠AQJ1098 |  | W  | N        | E   | S |
| ♥3       |  | P  | 2♠       | 2NT | P |
| ♦10987   |  | 3♦ | P        | 3♥  | P |
| ♣104     |  | 4♥ | All Pass |     |   |
- ♠ 654      ♠ K32      Opening Lead: A♠ or 7♠
- ♥ K109876    ♥ AQJ2      West is too strong to pre-empt.
- ♦ 543      ♦ AQJ2      Over a Weak two, 2NT is 15-18, 2 stoppers
- ♣A      ♣ 92      A double may be better with 1 ♠ stopper
- ♠7      Don't Save in clubs with a spade misfit.
- ♥54      4♥W-1 -100      4♥E-1 -100
- ♦K6      South would not lead partners suit versus 3NT
- ♣KQJ87653      with a natural club lead and a side entry
33. North Dealer None Vulnerable Inverted Minor
- |        |  |          |    |   |                  |
|--------|--|----------|----|---|------------------|
| ♠1097  |  | W        | N  | E | S                |
| ♥762   |  |          | P  | P | 1♣               |
| ♦Q6    |  | P        | 3♣ | P | 3NT              |
| ♣A5432 |  | All Pass |    |   | Opening Lead: 8♦ |
- ♠ Q85      ♠6432      3NS+1 +430
- ♥J108      ♥Q543      Declarer must play the Queen♦-it is doubleton
- ♦AK982      ♦J107      North shows: 4-9 points
- ♣K8      ♣106      5 clubs
- ♠AKJ      no four card major
- ♥AK9      South shows: Both majors stopped
- ♦543      18-19 points
- ♣ QJ97
34. East Dealer North South Vulnerable Bid 3NT Over Partner's Pre-empt
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|---------|--|---|-----|----|---------------------------------------|
| ♠K10984 |  | W | N   | E  | S                                     |
| ♥87     |  |   |     | 3♣ | P                                     |
| ♦AQ87   |  |   | 3NT |    | Opening Lead: 10♠                     |
| ♣AQ     |  |   |     |    | 3 of top 5 or 2 of top 3 club honours |
- ♠AQJ      ♠2      3NW+3 +690
- ♥AJ105      ♥K32      Set up clubs first
- ♦KJ4      ♦32      South is danger Hand
- ♣432      ♣KJ109876      Take heart finesses in to North
- ♠7653      Use clubs as transportation
- ♥Q964
- ♦10965
- ♣5

35.	South Dealer East West Vulnerable	<u>Who Needs the Lead?</u>
	♠6	W N E S
	♥AKQJ106	
	♦A54	P 3♥ P 3♠ ♠ is a cuebid
	♣K32	P 4NT P 5♦ 1 or 4 keycards
	♠ 9875 ♠10432	P 6♥ All Pass
	♥ 3 ♥982	
	♦J109 ♦876	
	♣QJ1076 ♣A54	
	♠AKQJ	
	♥754	
	♦KQ32	
	♣98	
		Opening Lead A♣ or Q♣
		North has to have the lead because of his King♣
		6♥N= +980 6♥S-1 -50

36.	West Dealer Both Vulnerable	<u>5-4 in The Majors</u>
	♠98	W N E S
	♥1098	1NT P 2♣ P
	♦Q10943	2♦ P 3♥ P
	♣1098	4♥ All Pass
	♠KQJ ♠A654	
	♥A32 ♥J7654	
	♦KJ85 ♦2	
	♣J43 ♣AQ5	
	♠10732	
	♥KQ	
	♦A76	
	♣K762	
		Opening Lead: K♥ or 10♠
		North is likely bust- pick safe lead
		Duck second round of trump
		Trump gone-Lead up to J♣
		4♥E= +620

16.	West Dealer East West Vulnerable	<u>Slam</u>	<b>(Metal Board)</b>
	♠AK4	W N E S	
	♥A	3♥ Dbl 5♥ 6♣	
	♦QJ1098654	P 6♦ P 7♦	
	♣A	All Pass	
	♠3 ♠1098762		Opening Lead: 10♠
	♥KQJ109873♥654		
	♦--- ♦732		West has a 5-loser hand (unfav vul-open 3♥)
	♣J843 ♣2		Even with void, West is weak enough
	♠QJ5		East West cannot sacrifice being vulnerable
	♥2		
	♦AK		7♦N= +1440
	♣KQ109765		