

# Opener Bids 1 NT

| Opening Bids in No Trump - NO 5-card major and Balanced |      |      |    |    |                           |    |    |      |    |    |                         |    |      |    |
|---|------|------|----|----|---------------------------|----|----|------|----|----|-------------------------|----|------|----|
| HCPs Range and Bid                                      | 0-8  | 9    | 10 | 11 | 12                        | 13 | 14 | 15   | 16 | 17 | 18                      | 19 | 20   | 21 |
|   | Pass | Pass |    |    | Opening Count<br>1♣ or 1♦ |    |    | 1 NT |    |    | Strong Hand<br>1♣ or 1♦ |    | 2 NT |    |

The No Trump opening is the **second** priority in Yellow Card Bidding. This does not automatically mean the opener wants to play a No Trump contract. The opener might hold one or two 4-card major suit(s) that could not be opened. If the responder holds the same 4+card major, the partnership might still be able to play a major suit contract (which is the first priority).

The 3 criteria for opening a No Trump hand are:

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| <p><b>1) No 5+card major</b><br/>When holding a 5+card major suit, open that 5+card major suit instead of NT. This practice clarifies the nature of the NT opening hand, and makes it easier to identify an 8+card fit in a trump suit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note: SAYC allows a NT opening with a 5-card major. Reed suggests not opening a NT when holding a 5+card major.</li> </ul> | <p><b>2) Must be Balanced</b><br/>The criteria for a balanced hand are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no void</li> <li>no singleton</li> <li>1 or 0 doubleton</li> </ul> <p>The shape of the balanced hand must be described by the following general description:</p> <p>4-3-3-3<br/>4-4-3-2<br/>5-3-3-2 (major suit cannot be 5-cards)</p> | <p><b>3) Specific HCP Ranges</b><br/>A No Trump opening bid must be in one of three exact HCP (Honor Card Point) ranges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 to 17 HCPs - 1 NT</li> <li>20 to 21 HCPs - 2 NT</li> <li>25 to 27 HCPs - 3 NT</li> </ul> |
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# Responder Selects 1 of 3 Paths

| Initial Responses to 1 NT Opening (Opener has NO 5+card major, 15-17 HCPs, and Balanced) |                                |                                  |   |    |  |    |      |    |                         |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----|--|----|------|----|-------------------------|----|------------|----|------------|----|--|--|
| Response Priority  | Responder's Suit Length        | Responder's Pts and Bid          |   |    |  |    |      |    |                         |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
|  |                                | 0-7                              | 8   | 9  | 10   | 11 | 12   | 13 | 14                      | 15 | 16         | 17 | 18         | 18 | 19   |  |
| #1<br>Transfers  | 5+Hearts                       | 2♦<br>request transfer to Hearts |   |    | 4♦ Texas Transfer<br>request transfer to <b>GAME</b> in Hearts |    |      |    |                         |    |            |    |            |    | 4♣ Gerber<br>ask for aces<br>or<br>4 NT QI<br>ask for points |  |
|  | 5+Spades                       | 2♥<br>request transfer to Spades |   |    | 4♥ Texas Transfer<br>request transfer to <b>GAME</b> in Spades |    |      |    |                         |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| #2<br>Stayman  | 4-Hearts<br>and/or<br>4-Spades | PASS<br>Play 1 NT                | 2♣ Stayman<br>request opener to name its 4-card MAJOR |    |  |    |      |    |                         |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| #3<br>NO 4-card<br>Major   | Balanced                       | PASS<br>Play 1 NT                |   |    |  |    |      |    |                         |    | 3 NT       |    |            |    |  |  |
|  | 6+Clubs                        |                                  | 2 NT  |    |  |    | 3 NT |    |                         |    | 3 NT or 5♣ |    |            |    |  |  |
|  | 6+Diamonds                     |                                  |   |    |  |    |      |    |                         |    | 3 NT or 5♦ |    |            |    |  |  |
|  |                                | 15-22                            | 23  | 24 | 25   | 26 | 27   | 28 | 29                      | 30 | 31         | 32 | 33         | 34 | 35   |  |
|  |                                | Partial Score                    |   |    | Game Major & NT  |    |      |    | Game Major & NT & Minor |    |            |    | Small Slam |    |  |  |
| Minimum <b>PARTNERSHIP Point Count</b> (assume opener holds 15 HCPs)                     |                                |                                  |   |    |  |    |      |    |                         |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |

**Path 1)** If the responder has **5+Spades** or **5+Hearts** the responder uses **TRANSFERS**

**Path 2)** If the responder has exactly **4-Spades** and/or **4-Hearts** the responder uses **STAYMAN**

**Path 3)** If the responder has **NO 4+card major**, the responder uses **natural bids**

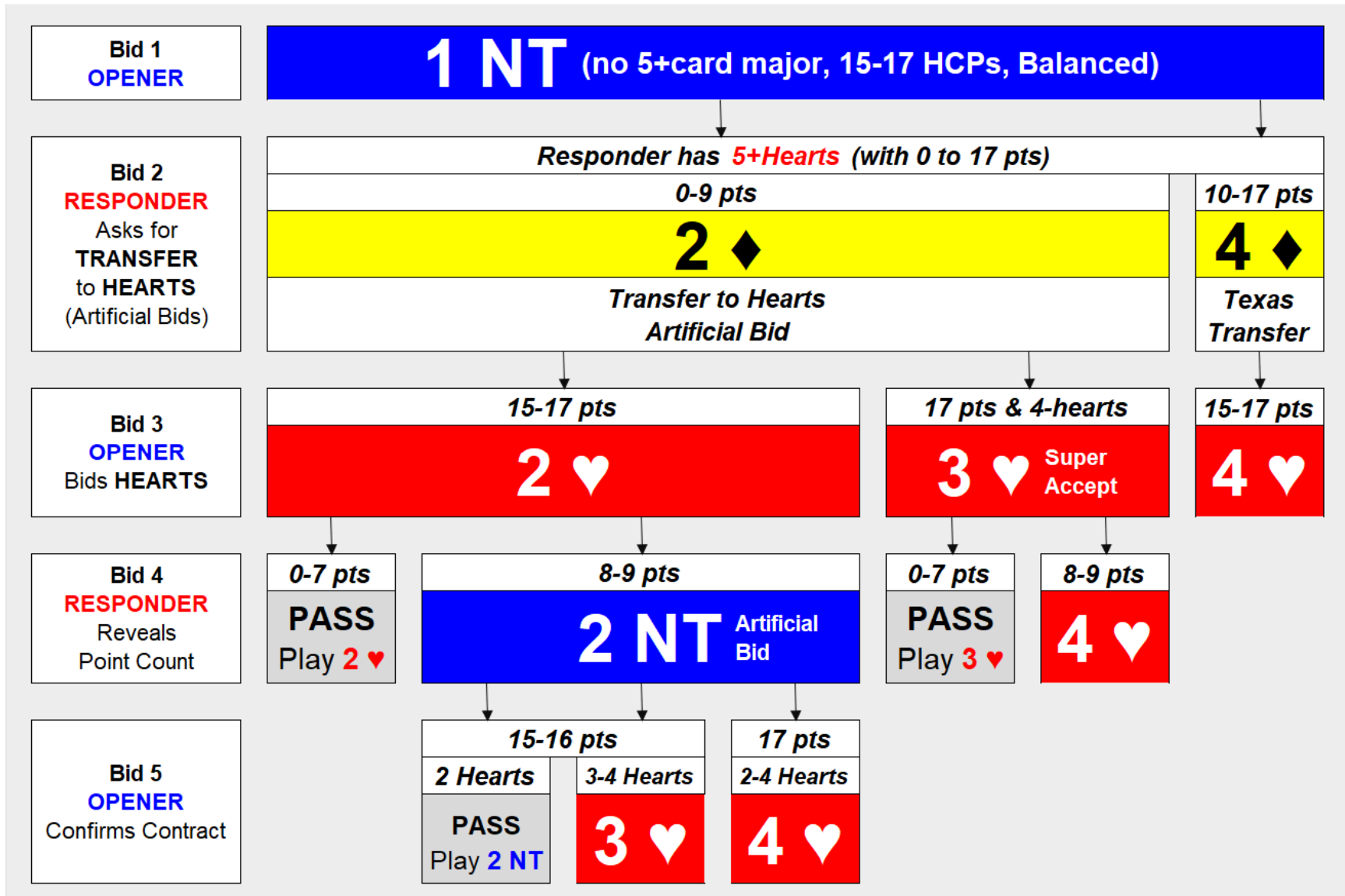
# Priority #1 - Transfers

## Responder wants Opener to bid Hearts or Spades

| #1 Priority Responses to 1 NT Opening    *** TRANSFER ***    Responder has a 5+card Major |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |                         |    |    |    |
|---|---|----|----|---|----|----|----|-------------------------|----|----|----|
| Responder's Suit Length   | Responder's Pts (include distribution points) and Bid   |    |    |   |    |    |    |                         |    |    |    |
|   | 0-7   | 8  | 9  | 10  | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14                      | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| <b>5+Hearts</b>   | <span style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">2 ♠</span><br>request transfer to Hearts            |    |    | <span style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">4 ♠ Texas Transfer</span><br>request transfer to a <b>GAME</b> in Hearts            |    |    |    |                         |    |    |    |
| <b>5+Spades</b>   | <span style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">2 ♥</span><br>request transfer to Spades |    |    | <span style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">4 ♥ Texas Transfer</span><br>request transfer to a <b>GAME</b> in Spades |    |    |    |                         |    |    |    |
|   | 15-22   | 23 | 24 | 25  | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29                      | 30 | 31 | 32 |
|   | Partial Score   |    |    | Game Major & NT   |    |    |    | Game Major & NT & Minor |    |    |    |
| Minimum <b>PARTNERSHIP Point Count</b> (assume opener holds 15 HCPs)                      |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |                         |    |    |    |

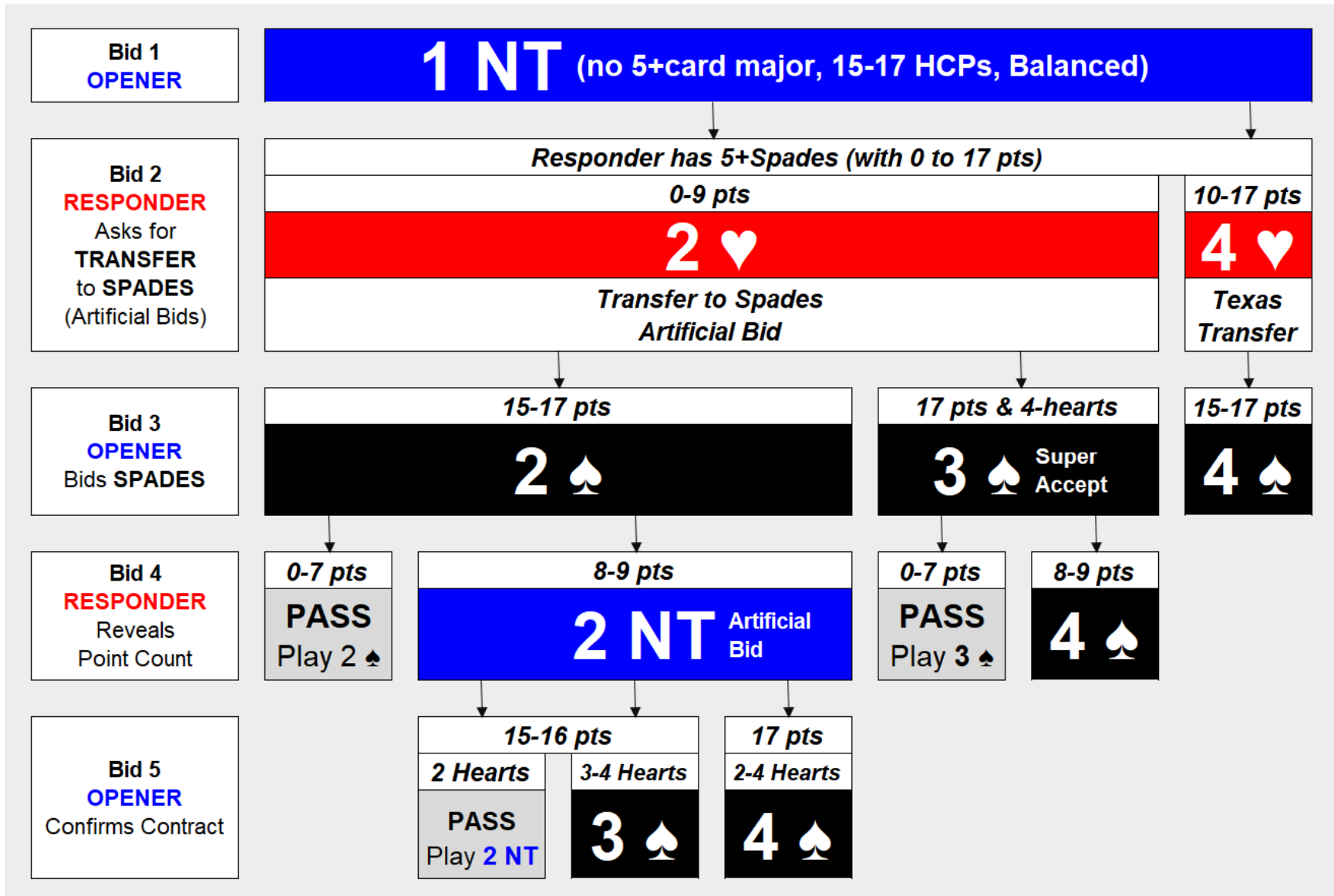
# Priority #1 - Transfers

## Bid 2 - Responder wants Opener to bid Hearts



# Priority #1 - Transfers

## Bid 2 - Responder wants Opener to bid Spades

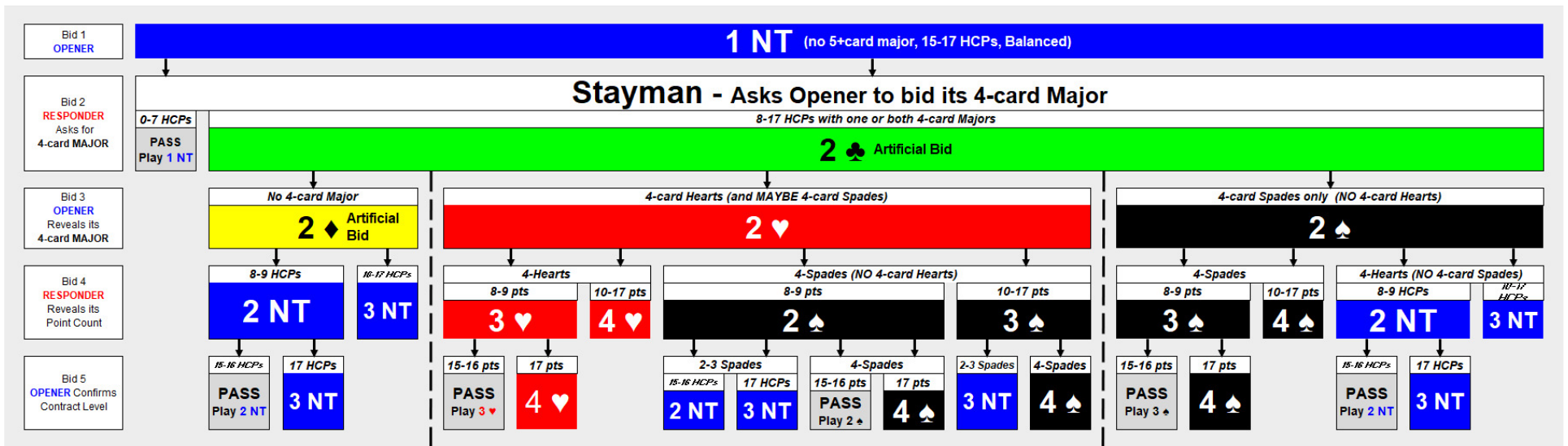


# Priority #2 - Stayman

## Bid 2 - Responder wants Opener to bid its 4-card Major Suit

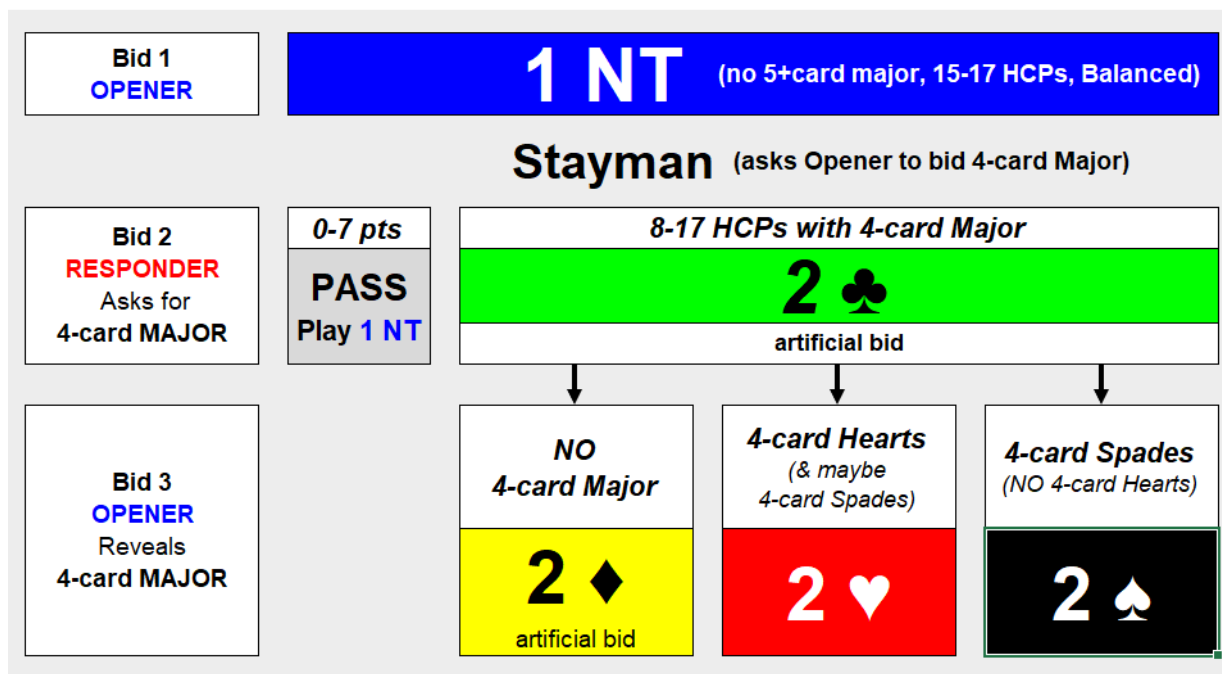
| #2 Priority Responses to 1 NT Opening *** STAYMAN *** Responder has one or both 4-card Major(s)  |   |   |    |                 |    |    |    |                         |    |    |    |  |
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| Responder's Suit Length  | Responder's Pts (include distribution points) and Bid |   |    |                 |    |    |    |                         |    |    |    |  |
|  | 0-7   | 8   | 9  | 10              | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14                      | 15 | 16 | 17 |  |
| <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4-hearts</div><br>and/or<br><div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4-spades</div> | PASS<br>Play 1 NT                                     | <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; font-weight: bold;">2 ♣ Stayman</div><br>request opener to name its <b>4-card MAJOR</b> |    |                 |    |    |    |                         |    |    |    |  |
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|  | Partial Score   |   |    | Game Major & NT |    |    |    | Game Major & NT & Minor |    |    |    |  |
| Minimum <b>PARTNERSHIP Point Count</b> (assume opener holds 15 HCPs)   |   |   |    |                 |    |    |    |                         |    |    |    |  |

## Bid 3: Stayman Flow Chart (3 groups of responses)



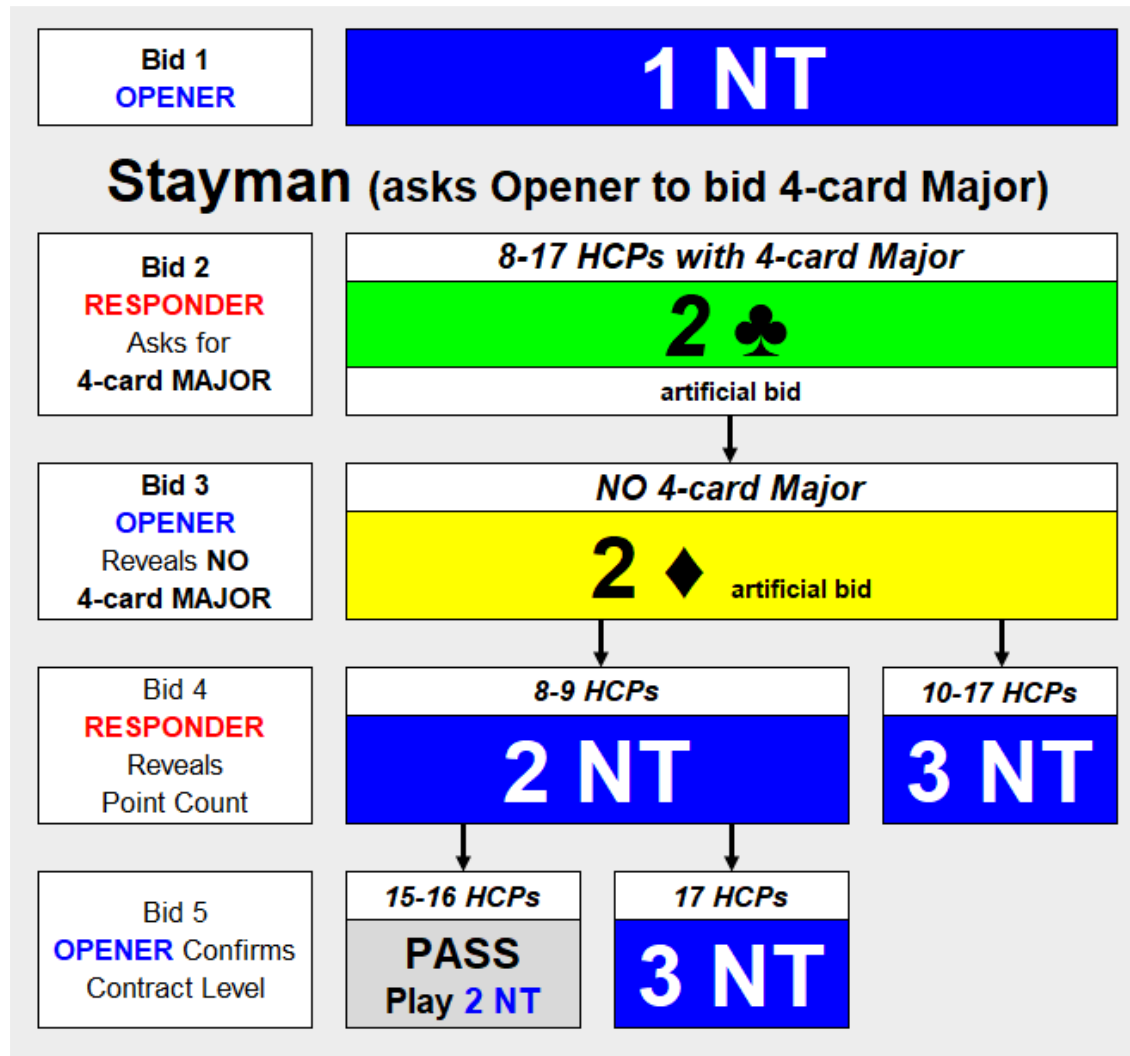
## Priority #2 – Stayman

### Bid 3: Opener Identifies its 4-card Major Suit



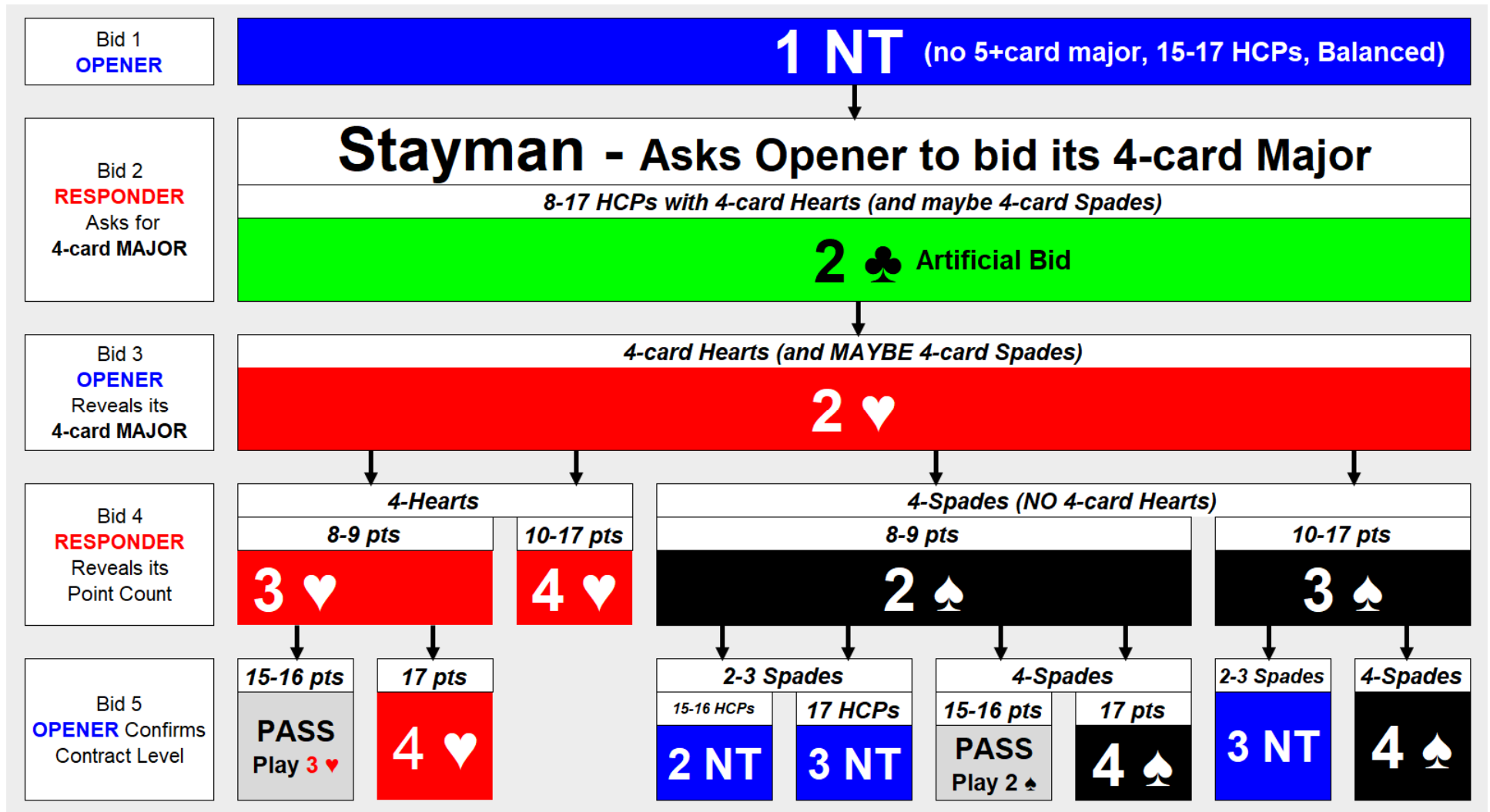
# Priority #2 – Stayman

## Bid 3: When Opener has NO 4-card Major



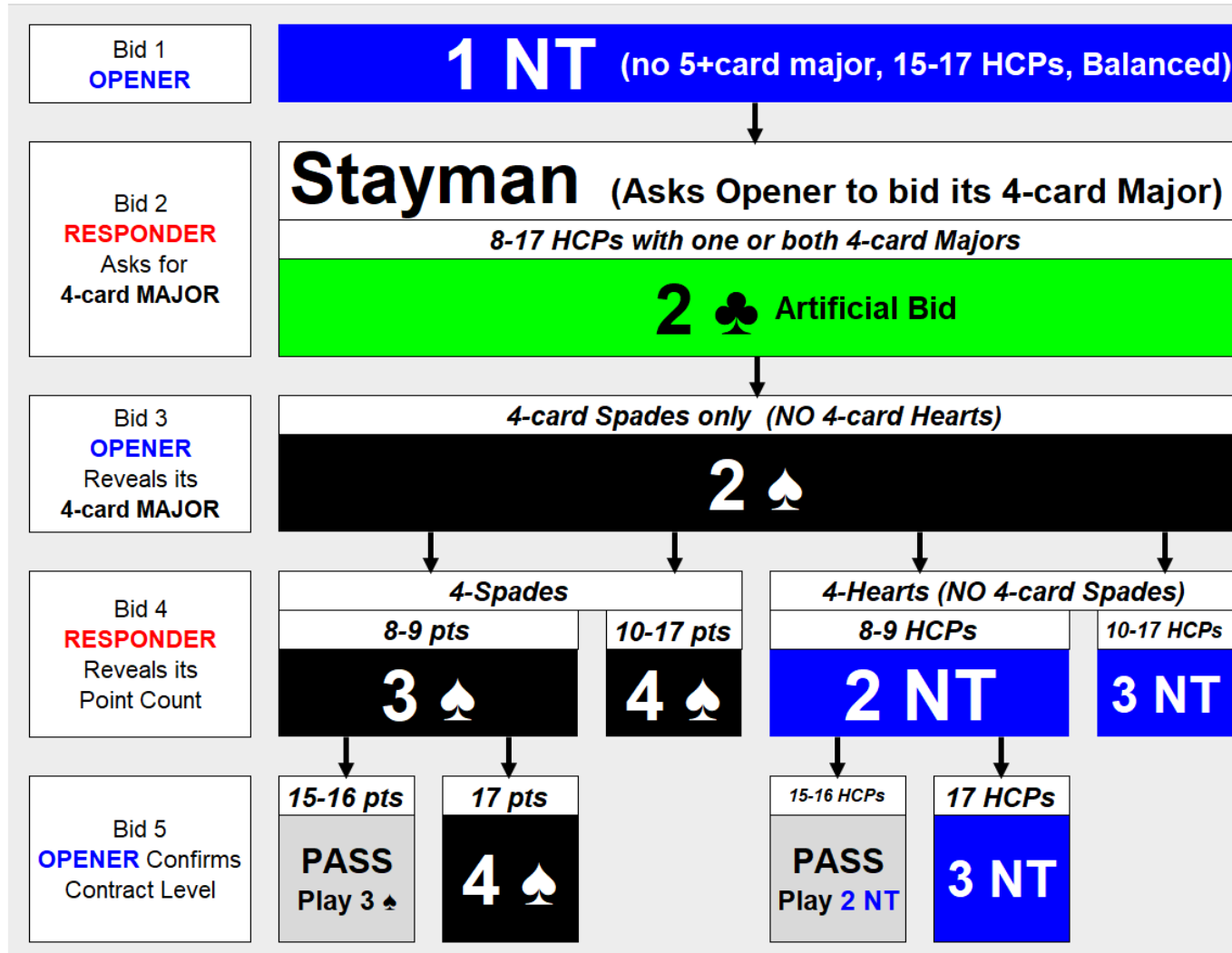
# Priority #2 – Stayman

## Bid 3: When Opener has a 4-card Heart Suit (and MAYBE a 4-card Spade Suit)



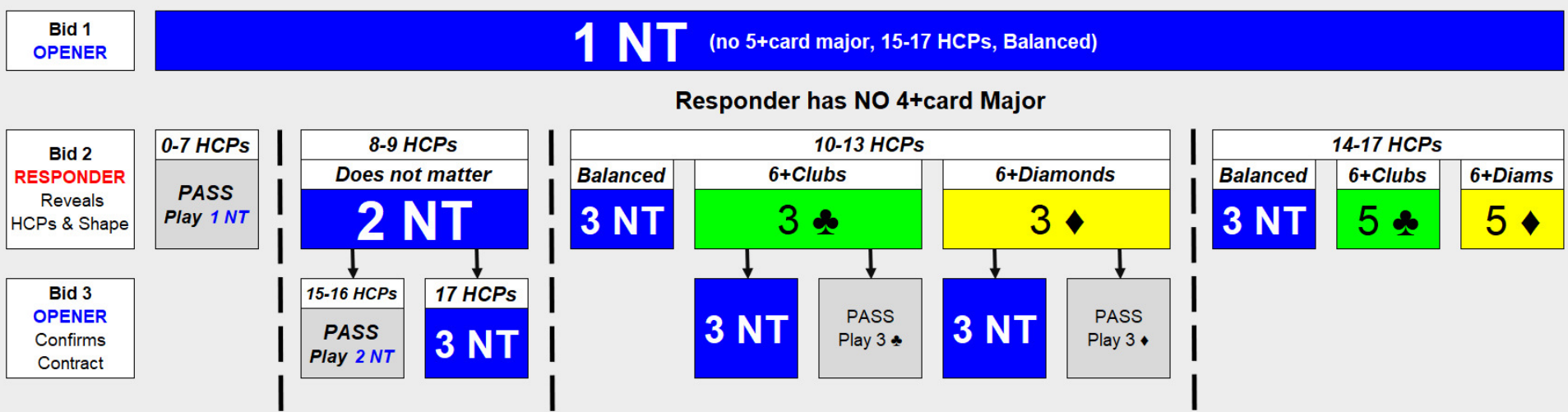
# Priority #2 – Stayman

## Bid 3: When Opener has a 4-card Spade Suit (but NO 4-card Heart Suit)



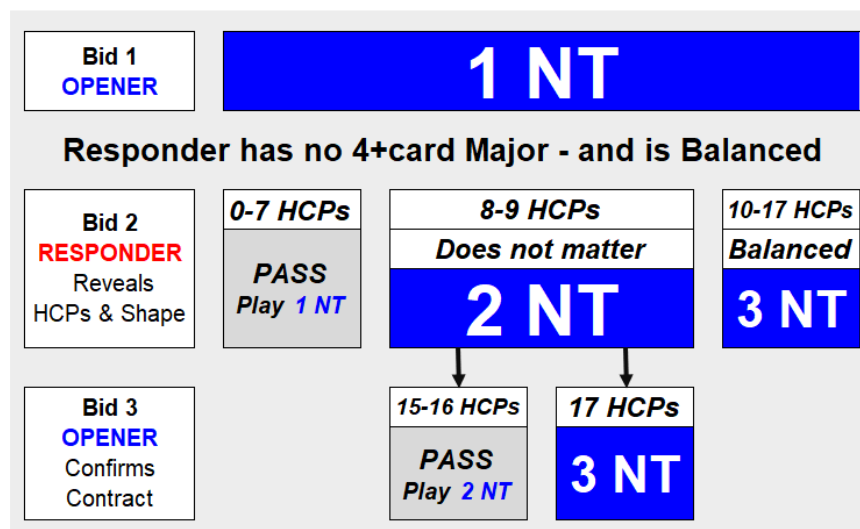
# Priority #3 - Responder has NO 4-card Major Suit

| <b>#3 Priority Responses to 1 NT Opening *** No 4-card Major ***</b> |  |             |    |                 |    |             |    |                         |    |    |      |  |
|--|--|-------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------|----|-------------------------|----|----|------|--|
| Responder's Suit Length  | Responder's Pts ( <i>include distribution points</i> ) and Bid       |             |    |                 |    |             |    |                         |    |    |      |  |
|  | 0-7  | 8           | 9  | 10              | 11 | 12          | 13 | 14                      | 15 | 16 | 17   |  |
| Balanced   | PASS<br>Play 1 NT  |             |    |                 |    |             |    |                         |    |    | 3 NT |  |
| 6+Clubs  |  | 2 NT        |    | 3 NT or 3 ♣     |    |             |    | 3 NT or 5 ♣             |    |    |      |  |
| 6+Diamonds   |  | 3 NT or 3 ♦ |    |                 |    | 3 NT or 5 ♦ |    |                         |    |    |      |  |
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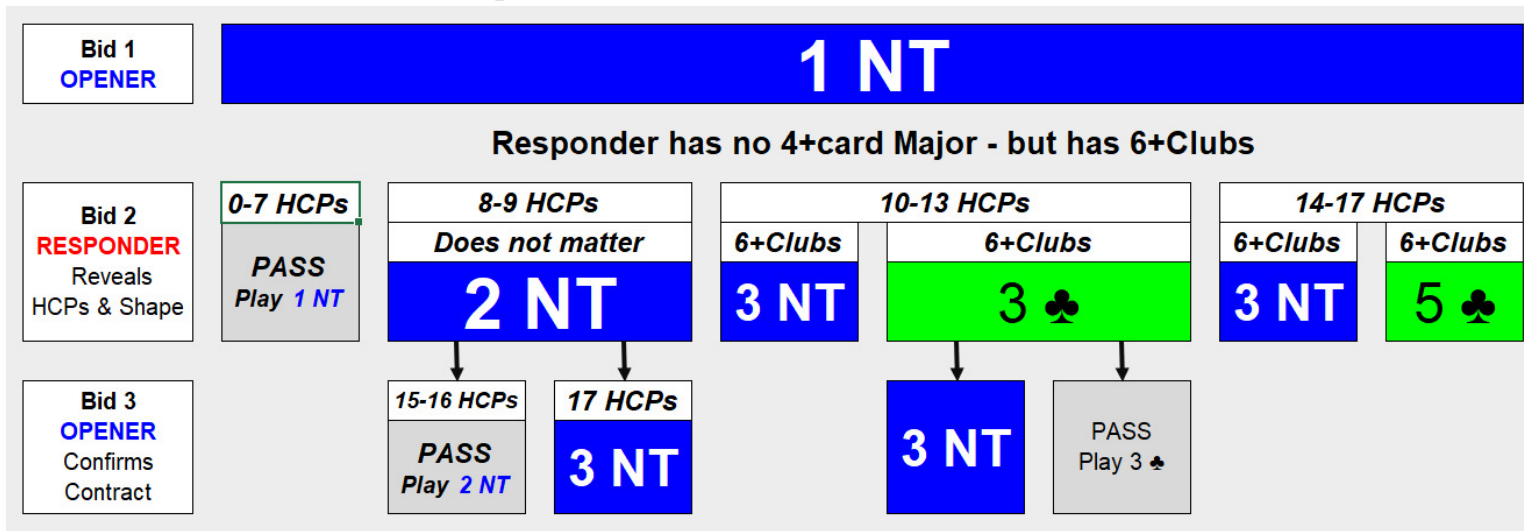
## Priority #3 - Responder has NO 4-card Major Suit

### Bid 2: Responder is Balanced



# Priority #3 - Responder has NO 4-card Major Suit

## Bid2: Responder has a 6+card Club Suit



## Bid 2: Responder has 6+card Diamond Suit

