Opener Bids 1 NT

Opening Bids in No Trump - NO 5-card major and Balanced																	
Opener's HCPs	0-11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Pass	Opening Count			Medium Hand			Strong Hand				Maximum Hand					
Opener's Bid	Pass	1♣ or 1♦			1 NT			1♣ or 1♦		2 NT		2♣			3 NT		

Criterial for a 1 NT opening bid

The 3 criteria for opening a No Trump hand are:

1) No 5+card major
- When holding a 5+card major, open that 5+card major 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 major suit.
- SAYC allows a NT opening with a 5-card major, but I suggest not opening a NT when holding a 5+card major.

2) Must be Balanced
- no voids, no singletons, and 1 or 0 doubleton
- distributions of balanced hands are described by the general notation:
  - 4-3-3-3
  - 4-4-3-2
  - 5-3-3-2 (major suit cannot be 5-cards)

3) Specific Point Count Ranges
Each No Trump opening bid must be in one of three specific honor card point ranges
- **15 to 17 HCPs** - 1 NT
- **20 to 21 HCPs** - 2 NT
- **25 to 27 HCPs** - 3 NT

Responder's Initial Bid after Opener Bids 1 NT
# Responder Selects 1 of 3 Priorities

Initial Responses to 1 NT Opening		(Opener has NO 5+card major, 15-17 HCPs, and Balanced)														
Response Priority	Suit Length	**Responder's HCPs and Bid**														
		0-7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
#1 Transfers	5+hearts	2 ♦ artificial bid request transfer to hearts			4 ♦ Texas Transfer artificial bid requesting transfer to game in hearts									4 ♣ Gerber artificial bid asking for aces or 4 NT QI artifical bid asking for points		
	5+spades	2 ♥ artificial bid request transfer to spades			4 ♥ Texas Transfer artificial bid requesting transfer to game in spades											
#2 Stayman	4-hearts and/or 4-spades	PASS play 1 NT	2 ♣ Stayman artificial bid - requesting opener to name 4-card major													
#3 NO 4-card Major	Balanced	PASS play 1 NT	2 NT		3 NT			3 NT								
	6+clubs							3 NT or 5 ♣								
	6+diamonds							3 NT or 5 ♦								
8/22/2025		15-22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
		Partial Score			Game Major & NT				Game Minor				Small Slam		
		Minimum **PARTNERSHIP** Point Count (assume opener holds **15 HCPs**)													

Priority #1 - Transfers – Responder's Bid 2
Responder asks Opener to bid a specific Major Suit

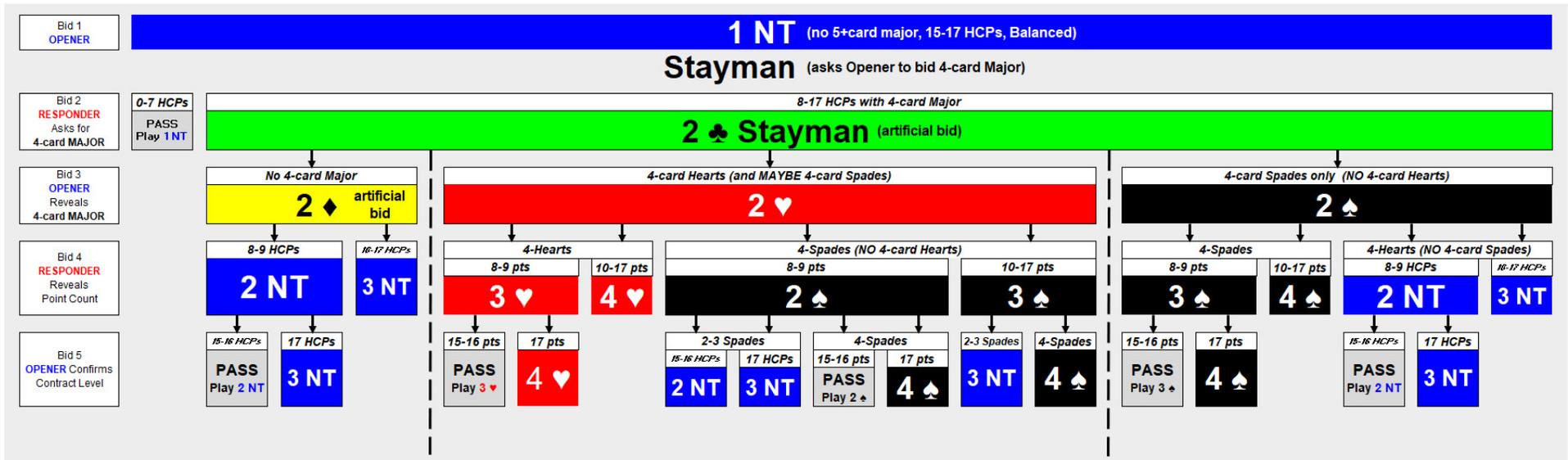| #1 Priority Responses to 1 NT Opening *** TRANSFER *** Responder has a 5+card major													
Suit Length	**Responder's Pts** *(include distribution points)* **and Bid**												
	0-7	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**		
5+hearts	**2 ♦** artificial bid request transfer to hearts			**4 ♦ Texas Transfer** artificial bid requesting transfer to a game in hearts									
5+spades	**2 ♥** artificial bid request transfer to spades			**4 ♥ Texas Transfer** artificial bid requesting transfer to a game in spades									
8/22/2025	**15-22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**	**32**		
	Partial Score			Game Major & NT				Game Minor					
	Minimum **PARTNERSHIP Point Count** (assume opener holds **15 HCPs**)												

Transfers Flow Chart
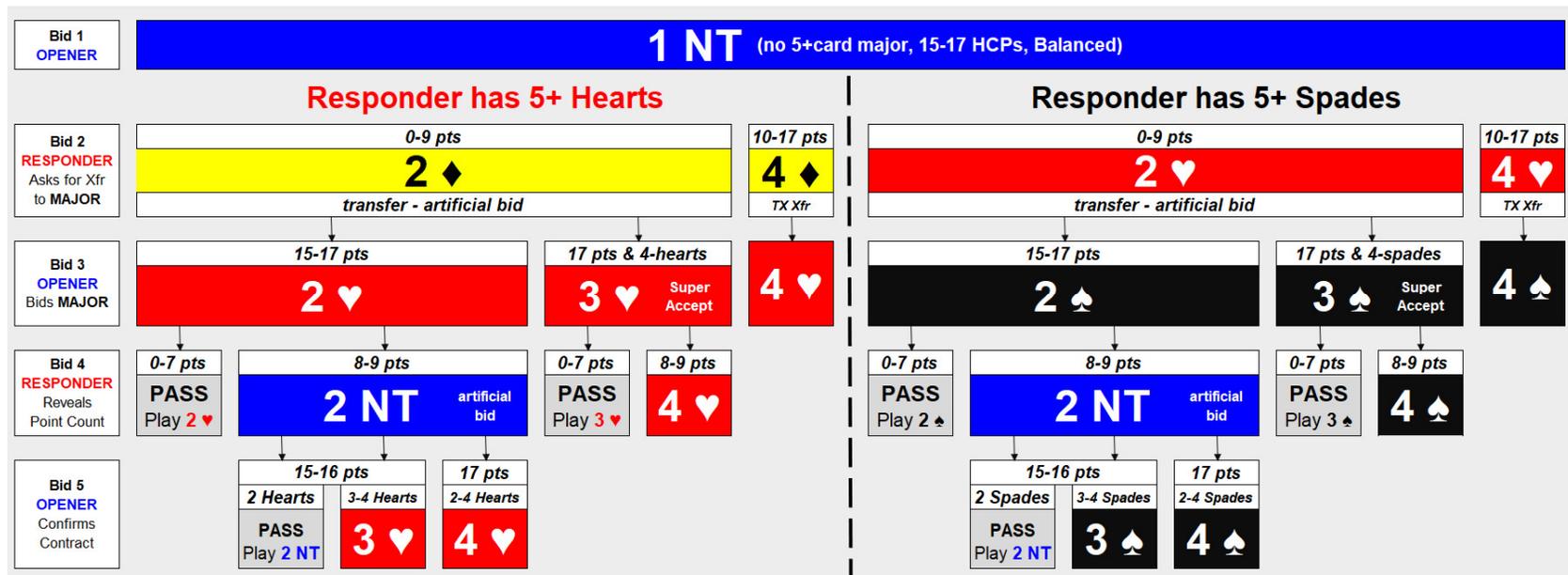
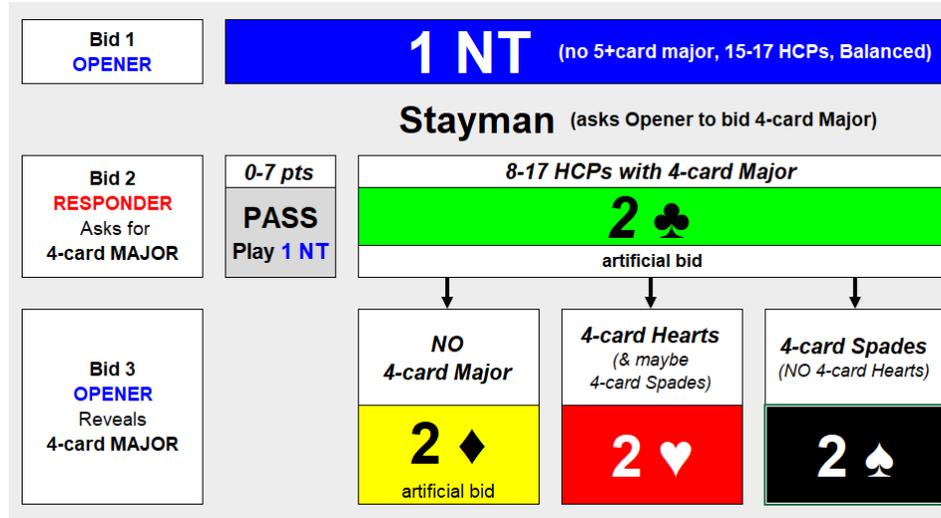# Priority #2 - Stayman – Responder's Bid 2
Responder asks Opener to bid its 4-card Major Suit
(if opener has one)

#2 Priority Responses to 1 NT Opening *** STAYMAN *** Responder has one or both 4-card Major(s)												
Suit Length	**Responder's HCPs and Bid**											
	0-7	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**
4-hearts and/or **4-spades**	**PASS** play 1 NT	**2 ♣ Stayman** artificial bid - requesting opener to name a 4-card major										
	15-22	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**	**32**
8/22/2025	Partial Score			Game Major & NT				Game Minor			
	Minimum **PARTNERSHIP Point Count** (assume opener holds **15 HCPs**)											

Stayman Flow Chart (3 groups of responses)

Priority #2 - Stayman – Bid 3 by Opener
Opener Identifies its 4-card Major Suit

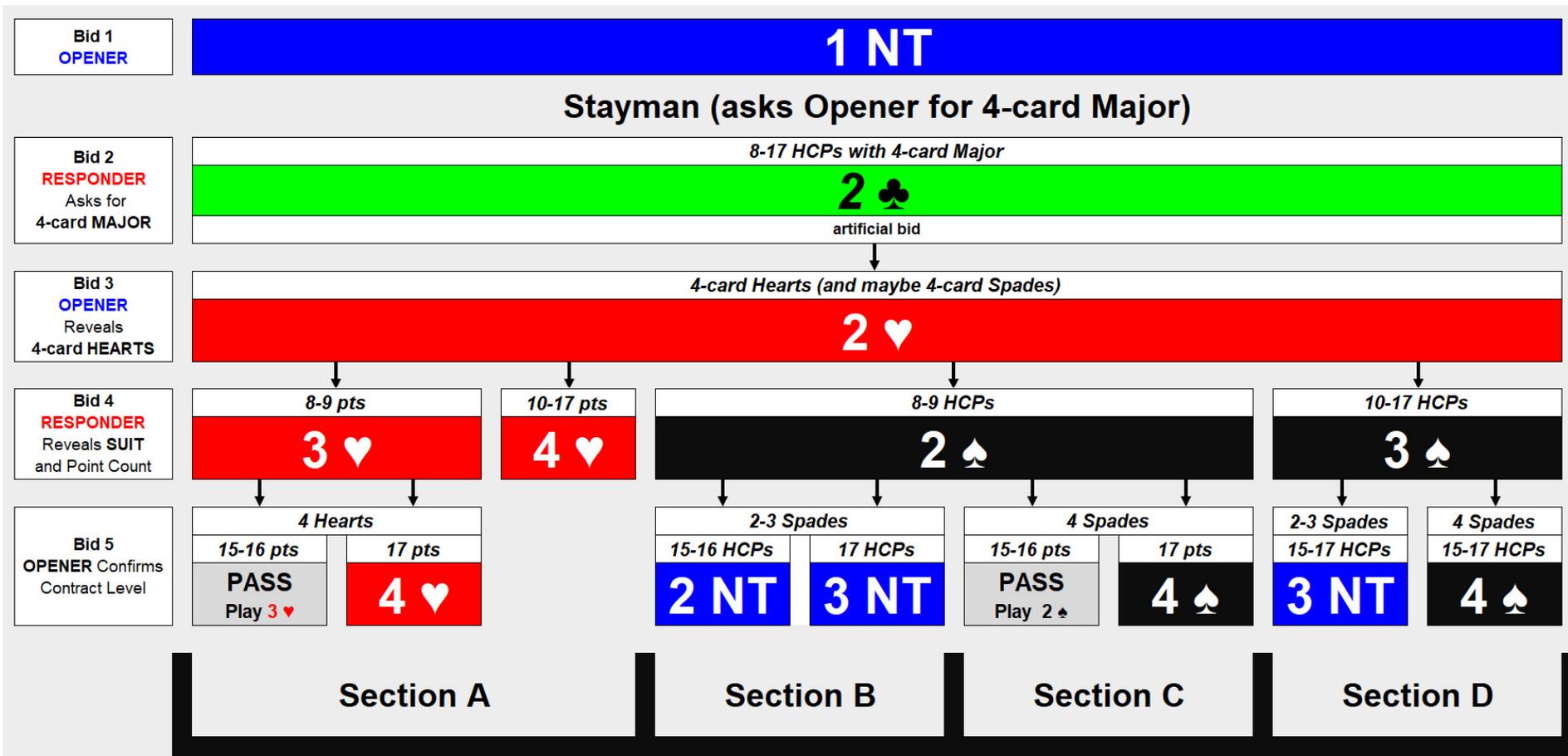| Bid 1 OPENER	**1 NT** (no 5+card major, 15-17 HCPs, Balanced)		
	Stayman (asks Opener to bid 4-card Major)		
Bid 2 RESPONDER Asks for 4-card MAJOR	**0-7 pts** **PASS** Play **1 NT**	**8-17 HCPs with 4-card Major** **2 ♣** artificial bid	
Bid 3 OPENER Reveals 4-card MAJOR		**NO 4-card Major** **2 ♦** artificial bid	**4-card Hearts** (& maybe 4-card Spades) **2 ♥**	**4-card Spades** (NO 4-card Hearts) **2 ♠**

Priority #2 - Stayman – Bid 3 by Opener
Opener does NOT have a 4-card Major Suit
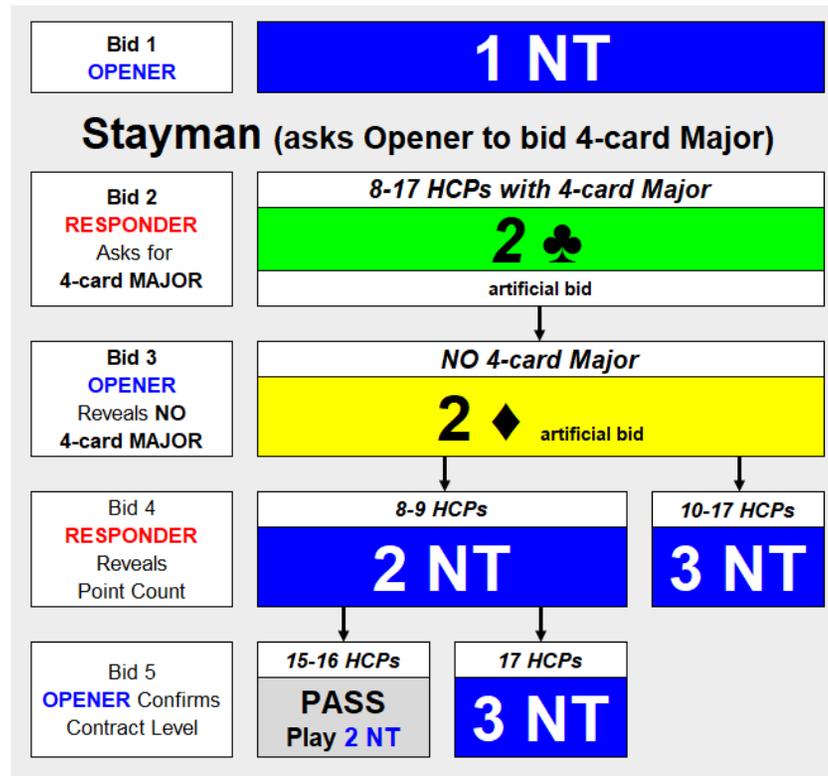
Priority #2 - Stayman - Bid 3 by Opener
Opener has a 4-card Heart Suit
(and MAYBE a 4-card Spade Suit)

Bid 1 OPENER	**1 NT**

Stayman (asks Opener for 4-card Major)

Bid 2 RESPONDER Asks for 4-card MAJOR	*8-17 HCPs with 4-card Major* **2 ♣** *artificial bid*

Bid 3 OPENER Reveals 4-card HEARTS	*4-card Hearts (and maybe 4-card Spades)* **2 ♥**

Bid 4 — RESPONDER Reveals SUIT and Point Count

8-9 pts **3 ♥**	*10-17 pts* **4 ♥**	*8-9 HCPs* **2 ♠**	*10-17 HCPs* **3 ♠**

Bid 5 — OPENER Confirms Contract Level

4 Hearts		*2-3 Spades*	*4 Spades*	*2-3 Spades*	*4 Spades*
15-16 pts	*17 pts*	*15-16 HCPs*	*17 HCPs*	*15-16 pts*	*17 pts*	*15-17 HCPs*	*15-17 HCPs*
PASS Play 3 ♥	**4 ♥**	**2 NT**	**3 NT**	**PASS** Play 2 ♠	**4 ♠**	**3 NT**	**4 ♠**

Section A   **Section B**   **Section C**   **Section D**

Priority #2 - Stayman - Bid 3 by Opener
Opener has a 4-card Spade Suit
(but NO 4-card Heart Suit)

Bid 1 OPENER	**1 NT**			
	Stayman (asks Opener to bid 4-card Major)			
Bid 2 RESPONDER Asks for 4-card MAJOR	*8-17 HCPs with 4-card Major* **2 ♣** artificial bid			
Bid 3 OPENER Reveals 4-card SPADES	*4-card Spades (NO 4-card Hearts)* **2 ♠**			
Bid 4 RESPONDER Reveals SUIT and Point Count	*8-9 pts* **3 ♠**	*10-17 pts* **4 ♠**	*8-9 HCPs* **2 NT**	*10-17 HCPs* **3 NT**
Bid 5 OPENER Confirms Contract Level	*15-16 pts* **PASS** Play 3 ♠ / *17 pts* **4 ♠**		*15-16 HCPs* **PASS** Play 2 NT / *17 HCPs* **3 NT**	

Section D   **Section E**

Priority 3 - Responder has NO 4-card Major Suit

#3 Priority Responses to 1 NT Opening *** No 4-card Major ***													
Suit Length		**Responder's HCPs and Bid**											
		0-7	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	
Balanced		**PASS** play 1 NT	**2 NT**		**3 NT**								
6+clubs					**3 NT** or 3 ♣				**3 NT** or 5 ♣				
6+diamonds					**3 NT** or 3 ♦				**3 NT** or 5 ♦				
8/22/2025		**15-22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**	**32**	
		Partial Score			Game Major & NT				Game Minor				
		Minimum **PARTNERSHIP Point Count** (assume opener holds **15** HCPs)											

Flow Chart

Bid 1 OPENER	**1 NT** (no 5+card major, 15-17 HCPs, Balanced)

Responder has NO 4+card Major

Bid 2 RESPONDER Reveals HCPs & Shape	0-7 HCPs	8-9 HCPs *Does not matter*	10-13 HCPs			14-17 HCPs		
	PASS *Play 1 NT*	**2 NT**	**Balanced** **3 NT**	**6+Clubs** **3 ♣**	**6+Diamonds** **3 ♦**	**Balanced** **3 NT**	**6+Clubs** **5 ♣**	**6+Diams** **5 ♦**

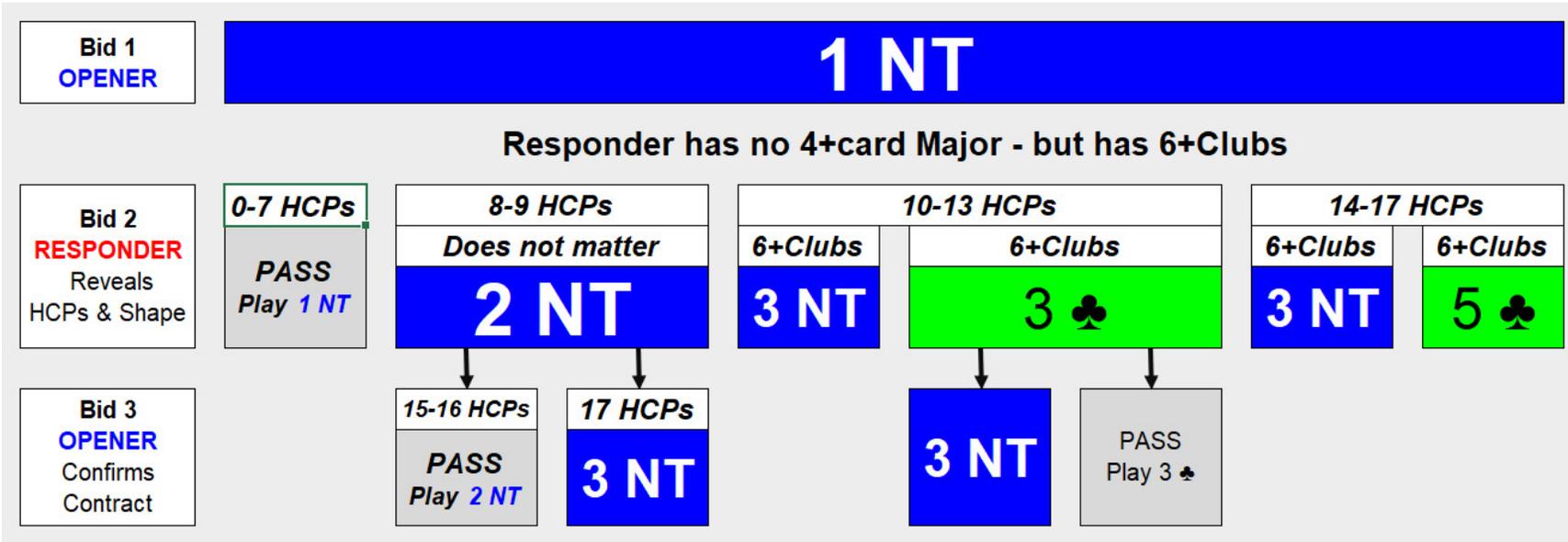| **Bid 3 OPENER** Confirms Contract | | 15-16 HCPs **PASS** *Play 2 NT* | 17 HCPs **3 NT** | **3 NT** | PASS Play 3 ♣ | **3 NT** | PASS Play 3 ♦ |
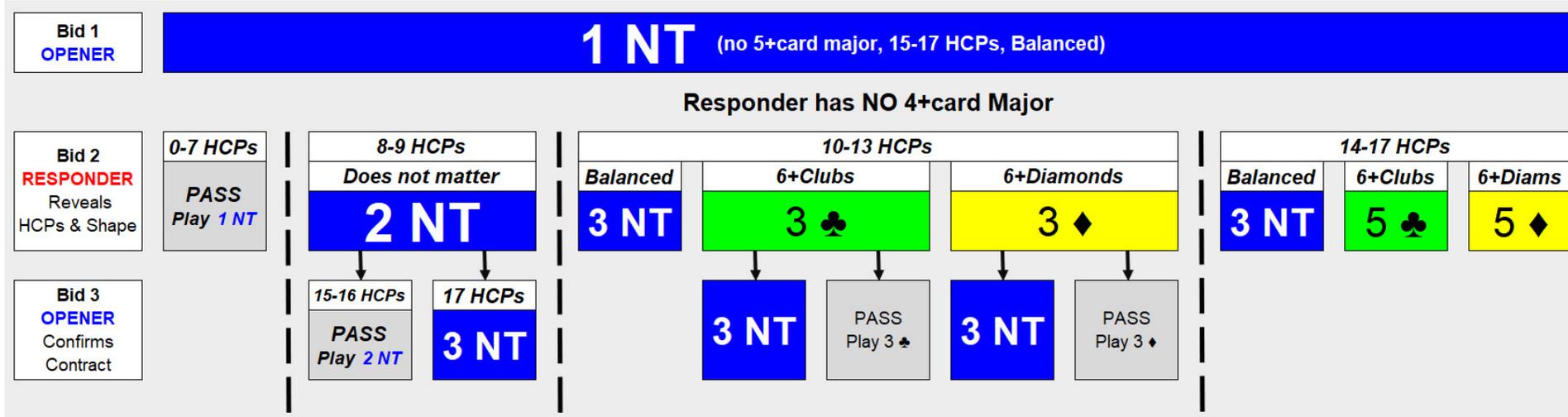
Priority #3 - Responder has NO 4-card Major Suit
but Responder is Balanced
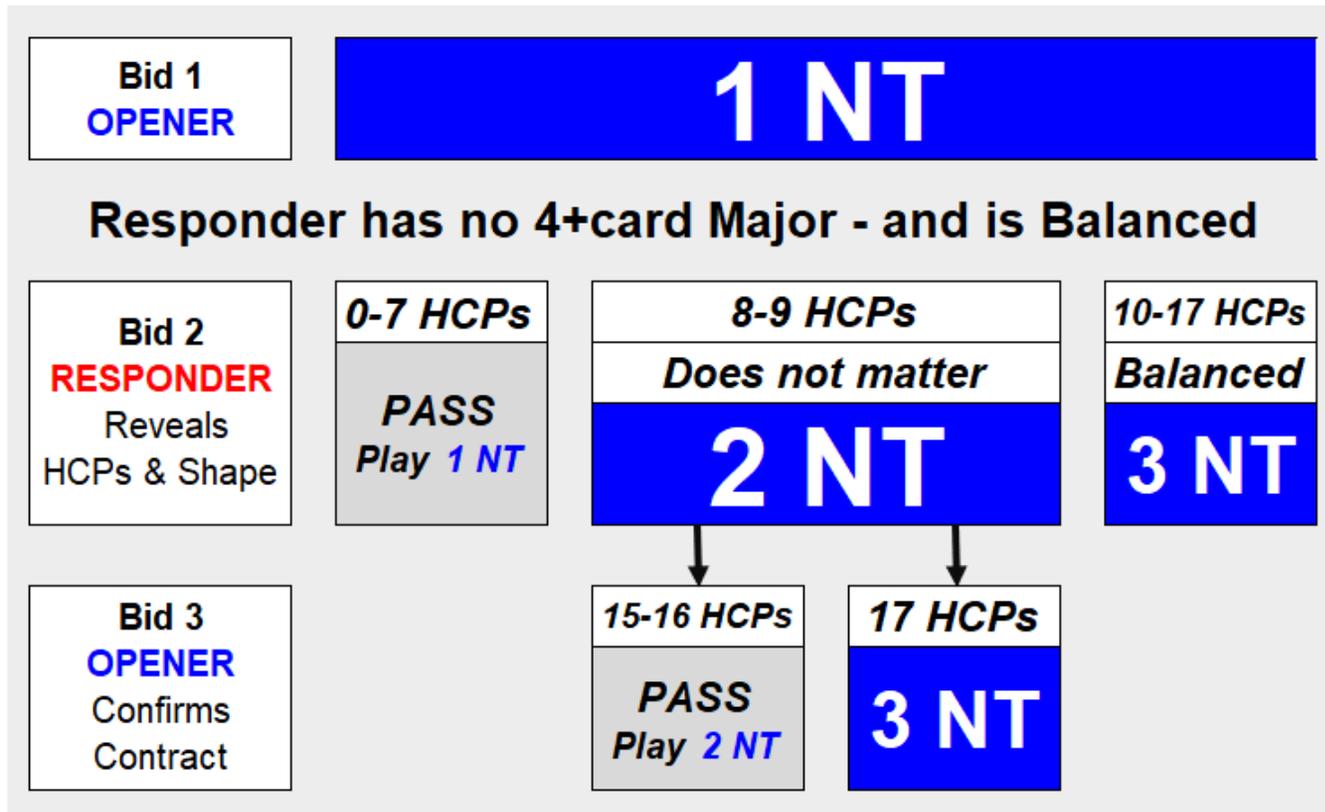
Priority #3 - Responder has NO 4-card Major Suit but Responder has a 6+card Club Suit

Priority #3 - Responder has NO 4-card Major Suit but has 6+card Diamond Suit