



## 2 TR Stayman

### The 2. Stayman is a conventionnal bid.

In response to a 1NT opening, a 2.4 bid is a Stayman, looking for an eight-card fit in a major suit. It promises:

- at least 8 HCP
- and at least 4 cards in one of the majors. It is also used with both majors, 4-4 or 5-4.

Avoid using this convention when you hold a 4333 hand with scattered honors. These hands are too balanced to work well in a trump game. You'd rather play a NT game (9 tricks instead of 10) 2. Stayman is forcing for one round, indeed !



Problem E2068 2♣ First, try to find a ♥ fit. With at least 8 HCP, start bidding 2♣ (Stayman) to look for a fit in one of the majors. That's a priority !



Problem E2062 3NT Even though you've got 4  $\blacklozenge$  cards, don't use the Stayman 2. conventional bid. You have a balanced hand, no ruffing added value. Your pair's points are 25-27 HCP. Try a NT game.

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### Bidding development : the opener's rebid after his partner's 2\*.

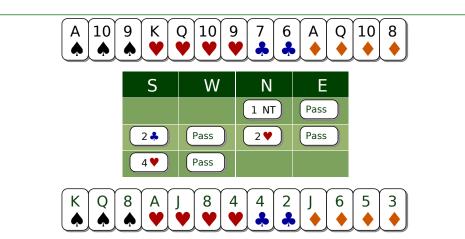
- 2 when he has no 4 card major
- 2♥ with 4 ♥ cards (or 2♠ with 4 ♠ cards)
- 2♥ with both 4 ♠ and 4 ♥ cards. The opener has the option to bid ♠ later if his partner's 4 carder happens to be ♠. Many players bid 2NT to indicate both majors, but this is giving useful (but unnecessary) information to the opponents.

The responder's 2nd bid after the opener has named a major suit.

- With 8 HCP the responder proposes game in NT or in the major suit (when there is a fit, of course). The opener will pass with a minimum hand (15 HCP) or go to game if maximum.
- With 10 HCP or more the responder goes directly to game either in NT or in the fitted major. The pair's combined points are enough for game (minimum 15 + 10 = 25)



Problem E4899 With a minimum Stayman (8 HCP), propose game and let your partner decide.



Problem E5006 With a support and at least 10 HCP (here, you have 11 HCP), go to game.



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