



Texas for the majors

The responses to a 1NT opening: the Texas (cont)

The Texas convention and the Stayman convention together complete the possible ways of finding a fit after a 1NT opening. The Texas is used by the Responder when he has a suit of at least 5 cards.

This consists of naming the suit just below the one you are interested in (the one containing 5 or 6 cards):

- 2 diamonds for the hearts
- 2 hearts for the spades

For a Texas you need at least 5 cards in a major but no minimum strength. It is possible to have 0 points. It allows the Opener who normally has the strong hand, to be the Declarer of the contract

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♦			

Q	10	9	4	Q	J	9	4	3	6	4	5	3
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E2357 Texas for the hearts

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♥			

J	10	9	8	3	A	J	9	8	6	5	3	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦

Problem E2358 Texas for the spades



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The Opener's rebid.

The Opener is obliged to name the suit:

- 2 hearts if the Responder announced 2 diamonds
- 2 spades if the Responder announced 2 hearts

He will then be the Declarer of the contract (in trumps or NT), and therefore the weakest hand will be visible in dummy.

A	10	4	K	Q	10	9	4	J	3	K	Q	7
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥			

K	5	A	J	8	A	9	6	5	A	9	5	3
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E5967 2 heartsThe Opener rectifies the Texas:This manoeuvre allows him to be the Declarer of the contract if the chosen contract turns out to be hearts for trumps.

Q	J	10	6	3	2	K	8	5	3	7	4	3
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠			

9	4	Q	J	4	3	K	Q	J	4	K	Q	J
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E5966The Opener rectifies the Texas:His 2 spade bid doesn't promise a long suit! However he has at least 2 cards having opened 1NT.



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The responder's rebid:

With his next bid the Responder gives the strength of his hand:

- PASS with a weak hand (less than 8HCP)
- 2NT proposes game with 8-9HCP
- With 10HCP or more: bids game
 - 3NT with a balanced hand
 - 4 in the major with 6 cards (the Responder knows that the Opener of 1NT possesses at least 2 cards in his suit).

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♥			



Problem E4826 The Responder with 8-9HCP proposes game in NT or heart trumps if the Opener is maximum. This is the case here. The Opener has 3 hearts and chooses to play the contract with hearts as trumps.



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Examples: the opener's attitude to the responder game proposals.



S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		



Problem E6005 The opener is minimum and refuses the responder's game proposal