

**MBU “AAA” Bridge Tournament  
New Players’ Seminar  
December 3, 2019**

Keep it simple – don’t spend all your time learning new conventions. If I had to choose just four conventions, this would be my list:

1. Blackwood
2. Stayman
3. Jacoby Transfers
4. Negative Doubles

You will do a lot better with these four conventions and spending more time on the following two important aspects of Bridge:

1. Finding a fit
2. Finding level (how high – part score, game, slam)

To guide you through the above, I have attached three tables which are discussed at today’s seminar.

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## MAJOR SUITS

**OPENER bids 1♠ or 1♥**

		<b>13 - 15</b>	<b>16 - 18</b>	<b>19 - 21</b>
<b>RESPONDER WITH SUPPORT</b>	<b>6 - 9</b>	Responder bids 2  Opener to pass	Opener rebids suit (3)  Responder: With 6-7, pass With 8-9, bid Game	Bid Game
	<b>10 - 11</b>	Responder bids 3  Opener to pass	Opener bids Game	Opener explores Small Slam: Blackwood (4NT) or show stopper
	<b>12 - 16</b>	Responder first bids another suit  Opener bids another suit or NT  Then, responder bids Game	Opener bids another suit or 2NT  Responder bids Game  Opener explores Slam	Opener bids Slam
	<b>17+</b>	Responder first bids another suit  Opener bids another suit or NT  Then, responder explores Small Slam: Blackwood (4NT) or show stopper	Opener bids Small Slam	Opener bids Grand Slam (7)

## OPENER bids 1NT

### RESPONDER'S OPTIONS

0 - 7	8 - 9	10 - 15	16+
<p>With no 5-card major or 6-card minor:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PASS</p> <p>With 5-card major or 6-card minor:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JACOBY TRANSFER</p> <p>2♦ → 2♥                  2♥ → 2♠                  2♠ → 3♣ (→ 3♦)</p>	<p>With 4-card major:</p> <p>Bid 2♣ (STAYMAN)</p> <p>With support, raise major; if not, bid 2NT</p>	<p>With 4-card major:</p> <p>Bid 2♣ (STAYMAN)</p> <p>With support, bid game; without support, bid 3NT</p>	<p>Explore slam</p>

### NO TRUMP SHOWS A BALANCED HAND

Here is how you show a balanced hand from 13 to 31+ points.

13-14	15-17	18-19	20-21	22-24	25-27	28-30	31+
Open 1♣ or 1♦  Rebid 1NT	1NT	Open 1♣ or 1♦  Rebid 2NT	2NT	Open 2♣  Rebid 2NT	Open 2♣  Rebid 3NT	Open 2♣  Rebid 4NT	Open 2♣, followed by 5NT, 6NT, 7NT