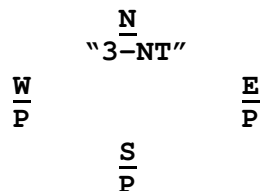


The Varied Meanings of “3-No-Trump” Bids

Just as there are numerous **1-NT** and **2-NT** bids with significantly different meaning dependent upon the actual sequence of the bidding process in which they become a part, the position at the bridge table of the Players who are using them, and the possible presence of any conventions which might be employed by the individual Partnerships involved; the same situation exists with **3-NT** bids, as well.

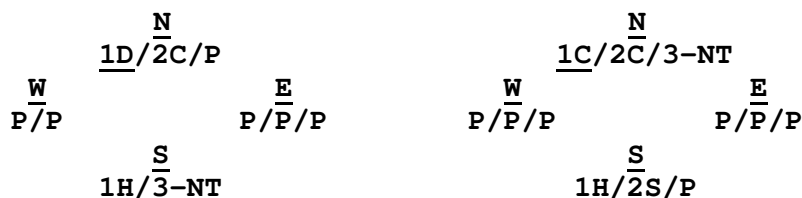
A. A 3-NT Bid by an Opener:

1. An Opening Bid of “3-NT” in Any Position: = 9-11 HCP’s - A “*Gambling 3-NT*” (By Partnership Agreement). A 7-card self-sustaining Club or Diamond suit headed by an **A-K-Q**, with nothing more than one outside Queen else the hand would be strong enough to have opened **1C** or **1D**. This bid is alertable!



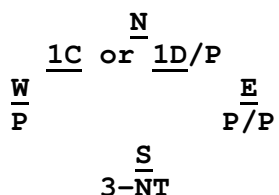
B. A 3-NT Bid by either an Opener or a Responder:

1. An Opener’s or a Responder’s Bid of 3-NT Following Multiple Bids by the Partnership: = Game values - To play! Shows the presence of, or the presumed holding of at least one “*stopper*” in any un-bid suit(s)

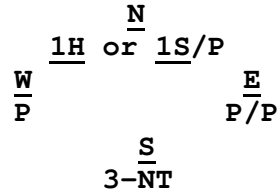


C. A 3-NT Bid by a Responder:

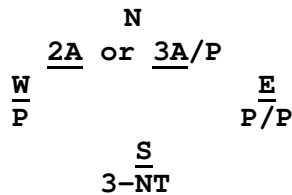
1. A Responder’s Bid of 3-NT Following a Minor Suit Opening by Opener’s Partner: = 13-15 HCP’s (To play). Usually absent a 4-card, or longer, holding of either Major suit.



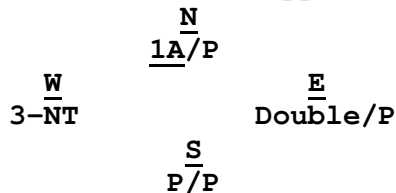
2. A Responder's Bid of 3-NT Following a Major Suit Opening by Partner: = 13-15 HCP's (To play) Absent primary support for Opener's Major suit. (**Note:** Some Partnerships, by Partnership agreement, play this as showing 16-18 HCP's)



3. A Responder's Bid of 3-NT Following Partner's Opening 2-Level or 3-Level Preempt: = Game values with stoppers in any and all un-bid suits. To play!



4. A Responder's Bid of 3-NT Following Partner's Overall of a Take-Out Double: = 13 or more HCP's with at least one "stopper" in the Opener's bid suit.



5. A Responder's Bid of 3-NT Following Partner's Opening Bid of 1-NT or 2-NT: To Play! Shows HCP's of {11 (+) opposite a 1-NT opening, and 6 (+) opposite a 2-NT opening; i.e., sufficient HCP's to compliment Partner's opening HCP values so as to make a Game-Level contract feasible. These bids also exhibit the absence of one or more 4-card or 5-card Major suit holdings. Responder's distribution is usually other than a 4-3-3-3.

