

OTHER OPENING BIDS

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7. Rebids: 3C/D=8-12HCP, 3H/S=12-15HCP, 3C/H=better hearts, 3D/S=better spades.
8. (Advanced) Puppet Stayman after 1N opening or any 1N or 2N rebid: C requests 5 card majors, replies: D=no 5 card majors, 4H and/or 3/4S; H/S=5 card suit; NT=No 4 or 5 card major. After D, H=not 4 hearts, S=not 4 spades, NT=4/4 H/S.
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