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7. (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.

8. After 1N opening/rebid: 2S=Range/Xfer C, 2N=Xfer D

9. After 2N rebid/protective overcall 3S=minor-suit stayman

10. After 2D opening: 2H pass/correct. 2S: bid 4H with weak H; pass with weak S. 2NT: forcing.

Rebids: 2NT/3NT if balanced. 3C: GF 2-suiter with C. 3D: D&H GF after 2H/S; weak H

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