

# Stayman

## Lesson Content

- Finding a 4-4 **MAJOR** Fit after a 1NT opening and a 1NT overcall.
- Stayman is also used over a strong 2NT opening, a 2NT rebid after a 2♣ opening and a strong 2NT overcall.

## Main Points to Emphasise

Must have **at least one 4-card major** to use Stayman.

There are 2 types of hands which are suitable for Stayman after a 1NT opener:

- 11+ with at least one 4-card M
- 0-10 (weak option) with at least 5/4 major suits
- Do not use Stayman with any 5-card major unless it is the weak option
- We do not cover invitational hands with a 5-card major suit (bid 2NT invitational) because they are covered in the Transfer lesson later

## Lesson Progression

- After a 1NT opening, 2♣ is Stayman, asking for a 4-card major
- Show an example of why it is important to find a 4-4 major fit? (*see Board 4*)
- Stayman is a 2-step process:
  - Ask partner for a major(s)
  - Show your strength and shape
  - Show examples of all the possible auctions

Play hands 1-4  
Supper time

## After Supper

Discuss the use of Stayman over a strong 2NT opening and overcall.

In this case 3♣ is used.

**Teacher should keep their talking to a minimum.**

Play hands 5-8