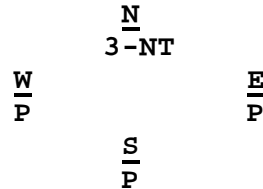


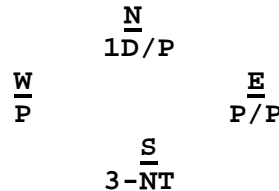
The Varied Meanings of “3-No-Trump”Bids

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.

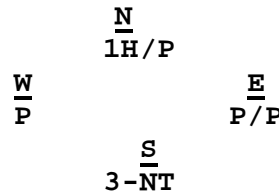
- A. An Opening Bid of “3-NT” in Any Position:** = 9-11 HCP’s - A “Gambling 3-NT” by Partnership Agreement. A 7-card self-sustaining Club *or* Diamond suit headed by A-K-Q with nothing more than one outside Queen, else the hand would be strong enough to have opened 1C or 1D. This bid is alertable!



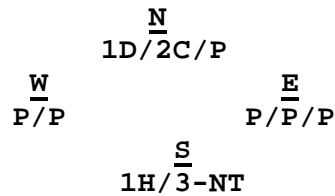
- B. A Responder’s Bid of 3-NT Following a Minor Suit Opening by Partner:** = 13-15 HCP’s (To play) Usually absent a 4-card, or longer, holding of either Major suit.



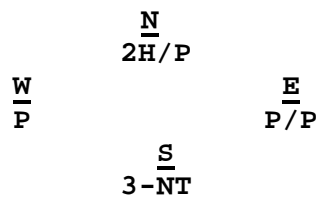
- C. A Responder’s Bid of 3-NT Following a Major Suit Opening by Partner:** = 13-15 HCP’s (To play) Absent primary support for Opener’s Major suit. (**Note:** Some Partnerships by Partnership agreement, play this as showing 16-18 HCP’s)



D. 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 by Partner, of at least one stopper in any un-bid suit(s)



E. A Responder's Bid of 3-NT Following Partner's Opening 2-Level or 3-Level Pre-Empt: = Game values - To play



F. A Responder's Bid of 3-NT Following Partner's Overcall of a Take-Out Double:
13 or more HCP's, with at least one stopper in Opener's suit.

