

# 15c: Practise your Quantitative Slam Bids

A small slam in No Trumps usually requires 33 HCP

A grand slam in No Trumps usually requires 37 HCP

<b>Hand: 1</b> <b>Dealer:</b> North <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1NT Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K 7 4 ♥ K J 10 ♦ A 2 ♣ A K 5 3 2
<b>Hand: 2</b> <b>Dealer:</b> North <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1NT Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K J 4 ♥ K J 10 ♦ A 2 ♣ A K 5 3 2
<b>Hand: 3</b> <b>Dealer:</b> North <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1NT Pass ?	♠ A K 4 ♥ K J 10 ♦ A 2 ♣ A K 5 3 2
<b>Hand: 4</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 2NT Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ Q 9 8 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ K Q 3 ♣ K 5 4 2
<b>Hand: 5</b> <b>Dealer:</b> South <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 2NT Pass 4NT Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A K 6 ♥ K Q 4 ♦ K 5 ♣ K Q J 10 8
<b>Hand: 6</b> <b>Dealer:</b> South <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass 2NT Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A 8 6 ♥ K J 4 ♦ 5 4 ♣ J 10 6 5 2

**Answer: 3NT**

You have 18 HCP. If partner is maximum (14 HCP) you only have a combined 32 HCP

**Answer: 4NT**

You have 19 HCP. If partner is maximum (14 HCP) you only have a combined 33 HCP. 4NT invites partner to bid 6NT if maximum (14), otherwise pass.

**Answer: 6NT**

You have 22 HCP. If partner has a minimum (12) then you have a combined 34 HCP so enough for a small slam without having to consult partner. If partner has a maximum the most combined HCP is only 36 HCP so a grand slam is not on.

**Answer: 4NT**

You have 11 HCP. If partner has a maximum (22) then the partnership has a combined 33 HCP, enough for a small slam. With 22 HCP partner will bid 6NT, otherwise he will pass.

**Answer: 6NT**

You have 21 HCP, but with your lovely clubs your hand is worth an upgrade to 22 HCP, so you accept partner's slam invitation.

**Answer: 4NT**

You have 9 HCP. Partner has shown a balanced 23-24 HCP. If partner is maximum (24) then you have a combined 33 HCP, enough for 6NT.

## 5NT Grand Slam ‘Ask’ (Advanced, and extremely rare!!)

This bid asks partner to choose between 6NT and 7NT. Partner must not pass. You have calculated that 6NT is guaranteed, but 7NT is likely to make if partner has a maximum for his No Trump bid.

<b>Hand: 7</b> <b>Dealer:</b> South <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 2NT Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A K 6 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ K 10 8 5 4
<b>Hand: 8</b> <b>Dealer:</b> South <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 2NT Pass 5NT Pass ?	<b>North</b> ♠ A 6 3 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ K J 8 5 4
<b>Hand: 9</b> <b>Dealer:</b> South <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1NT Pass ? Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A K 3 ♥ K Q J ♦ K 5 ♣ A K Q 5 4

**Answer: 5NT**

You have 15 HCP. If partner is maximum (22 HCP) then you have a combined 37 HCP, enough to make a grand slam (13 tricks) a realistic proposition. 5NT asks partner to bid 7NT with 22 HCP, otherwise bid 6NT.

**Answer: 6NT**

You have a minimum 12 HCP. You don't need to do any calculations – partner has already done that in deciding to bid 5NT rather than 4NT. Just bid 7NT if maximum, otherwise bid 6NT. **DO NOT PASS!!** Partner has at least 23 HCP. With 22 HCP she would have bid 6NT, knowing that the partnership has a combined 34-36 HCP, not enough for a grand slam but definitely enough for a small slam.

**Answer: 7NT**

Just bid it! You have 25 HCP (in your dreams!). Even if partner has a minimum 12 HCP you have a combined 37 HCP, enough for a grand slam.