

# Grand Slam Methods:

NG34Bridge

## King Ask (Grand Slam Try)

Sometimes the 4NT bidder possesses the trump queen and knows that the partnership holds all five key cards including the trump king, so can bid 5NT to ask about partner's holding in side suit kings. This may help determine whether the grand slam should be in a suit or in the higher scoring 7NT contract.

There are two alternative methods of showing side suit kings:

1: Showing how many side suit kings are held: 6♣ = 0; 6♦ = 1; 6♥ = 2; 6♠ = 3

2: Bidding the specific side suit king held (with more than one, bid the cheapest)

## Grand Slam Force

The Grand Slam Force is a convention that uses an artificial 5NT bid to ask partner about the quality of his trumps, for the purpose of probing for a grand slam. After a trump fit has been found (or implied; 1♥:5NT would indicate a heart fit), any 5NT bid that does not conflict with other conventional meanings that a pair has agreed on (i.e. a 5NT Blackwood rebid) **asks partner to bid a small slam with fewer than two of the top three honour cards in his suit, and to bid a grand slam with two top honours.**

The grand slam force is usually used when one player has one top trump honour and is certain all the other suits are completely stopped, but needs to find the other two top trump honours in partner's hand in order to count 13 tricks.

Opener	Responder	Opener	Responder
♠ A K 4 3	♠ 8 7 6	1♥	3♥
♥ K 8 7 5 4	♥ A 9 6 3 2	5NT	6♣ (ace or king)
♦ A K Q J	♦ 6 4	6♥	
♣ —	♣ K Q 8		