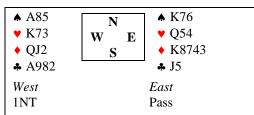


Lesson 8 Examples

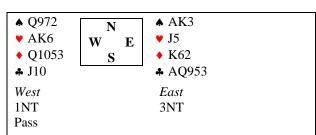
Bidding Balanced and Unbalanced Hands



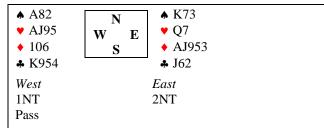
East has a balanced hand with 9 points.

His Pass says: "Partner, we do not have enough points for game, so we stop in the cheapest part score"

No reason to introduce a 5-card minor in a balanced hand



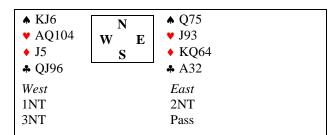
East has a balanced hand with 17 points easily enough for game. 3NT says: "Partner, I know we have enough points for game but not enough for slam. We both have balanced hands, so 3NT looks like the best game"



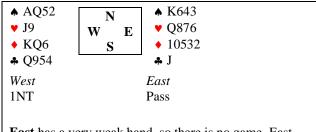
East has a balanced hand with 11 points

2NT says: "Partner, we have enough points for game if you are maximum, but not if you are minimum"

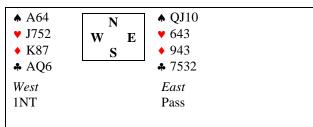
West has a minimum 12 points, so he passes



East has a balanced hand with 12 points. His 2NT *invites* West to bid game if he is maximum This time West has a maximum 14 points, so he bids 3NT

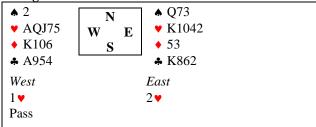


East has a very weak hand, so there is no game. East must pass



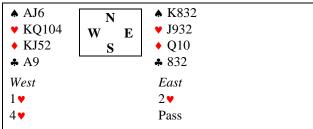
Note that a contract of 1NT by West is hopeless But East has no bid and must pass

Making a Limit Raise



West has an unbalanced hand with <u>14 points</u>. He opens the bidding in his longest suit. East's bid of 2 ♥ says "I have 6-9 points and 4 hearts."

There are not enough points for game, so West passes



West has a balanced hand with 18 points, too many for 1NT. He opens his higher-ranking 4-card suit This time there are enough points for game, so he bids