

Using Stayman with

- Strong
- Invitational
- Weak Hands

Stayman with a strong or invitational hand at least one 4-card major

West (12)	East (13)
♠ J 5 4	♠ Q 10 8 2
♥ 9 7 2	♥ A Q 4
♦ A J 4	♦ K Q 8 3
♣ K Q J 2	♣ 10 4

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♦	3NT
Pass	

West (12)	East (11)
♠ J 5 4	♠ Q 10 8 2
♥ 9 7 2	♥ A 8 4
♦ A J 4	♦ K Q 8 3
♣ K Q J 2	♣ 10 4

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♦	2NT (11-12)
Pass	

Stayman with a strong or invitational hand at least one 4-card major

West (12)	East (13)		
♠ A K 5 4	♠ Q 10 8 2	West	East
♥ 9 7 2	♥ A Q 4	1NT	2♣
♦ A J 4	♦ K Q 8 3 2	2♠	4♠
♣ 10 9 2	♣ 6	Pass	

West (14)	East (12)		
♠ A K 5 4	♠ J 10 8 2	West	East
♥ A J 4 3	♥ K 7	1NT	2♣
♦ Q 10 2	♦ K J 8 3	2♥	2NT
♣ 10 9	♣ A 8 7	4♠	Pass

Stayman With a Weak Hand

- 1 – With 4:4:4:1 or 4:4:5:0 distribution
- 2 – With a long club suit (planning to sign off in 3♣)
- 3 – With 5:4 or 5:5 in the majors

1 - Stayman with a weak hand 4:4:4:1 or 4:4:5:0
The shortage **must** be in clubs

West (13)	East (3)
♠ A 10	♠ J 8 7 3
♥ Q 9 7	♥ J 10 8 4
♦ A K 7 4	♦ J 10 8 2
♣ 10 9 7 2	♣ 6

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♦/2♥/2♠	Pass

West (13)	East (2)
♠ A 10	♠ J 8 7 3
♥ Q 9 7 2	♥ J 10 8 4
♦ A K 7	♦ 10 9 8 3 2
♣ 10 9 7 2	♣ ---

2 - Stayman with a long club suit

West	East (4)
	♠ 7 2
	♥ J 10 8
	♦ 10 2
	♣ Q J 8 7 6 5

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♦/2♥/2♠	3♣
Pass	

West	East (4)
♠ A 10 5	♠ 7
♥ Q 9 7 2	♥ J 10 8 4
♦ A K 7	♦ 10 2
♣ 10 4 2	♣ Q J 8 7 6 5

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♥	Pass

With a long club suit, but a stronger hand just pass 1NT

West (13)	East (8)
♠ A 10 5 4	♠ 7 3
♥ Q 9 7	♥ K J 8
♦ A J 7 4	♦ 10 8
♣ Q 4	♣ K J 10 8 7 2

West	East
1NT	Pass

3 - Stayman with a weak hand 5:4 or 5:5 in the majors

West	East (4)
	♠ Q J 8 3 2
	♥ J 10 8 4
	♦ 10 2
	♣ 6 5

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♥/2♠	Pass

West (13)	East (4)
♠ A 10 5	♠ Q J 8 3 2
♥ Q 7 3	♥ J 10 8 4
♦ A K 7 3	♦ 10 2
♣ 10 9 2	♣ 6 5

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♦	2♠
Pass	

3 - Stayman with a weak hand 5:4 or 5:5 in the majors

West	East (4)
	♠ Q J 8 3 2
	♥ J 10 8 4 2
	♦ 10
	♣ 6 5

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♥/2♠	Pass

West	East (4)
♠ A 10 5	♠ Q J 8 3 2
♥ Q 7 3	♥ J 10 8 4 2
♦ A K 7 3	♦ 10
♣ 10 9 2	♣ 6 5

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♦	2♠
Pass	

5:4 With a stronger hand you must jump

West (13)	East (13)
♠ 10 5	♠ Q J 8 3 2
♥ Q 4 3	♥ A K 8 2
♦ A Q J 3	♦ K 2
♣ K Q 10 9	♣ 6 5

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♦	3♠
3NT	Pass

West (13)	East (13)
♠ A K 5	♠ Q J 8 3 2
♥ Q 10 9 7	♥ A K 8 4
♦ A 8 4	♦ K 2
♣ 10 9 2	♣ 6 5

West	East
1NT	2♣
2♥	4♥
Pass	

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**The weaker your hand the more desirable it is to
play in a suit, rather than 1NT**