



Two Way Checkback Stayman

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This Topic provides you with hands where you open 1♣ or 1♦, partner responds 1♥ or 1♠ and you rebid 1NT, showing 12-14 HCP. After that partner needs to be able to find out about a possible major fit and at which level he/she wants to play.

The set of agreements in this sheet uses Two Way Checkback Stayman where you use 2♣ for invitational hands and 2♦ for game-forcing hands.

If you compare this to regular Checkback Stayman, where you only use 2♣ as a relay, you now have more options to show the strong hands.

After 1♣/♦-1♥ some pairs always bid 1♠ with 4 and some pairs only bid 1♠ when they have an unbalanced hand. Both methods are possible, but when you choose the version where you skip the 1♠ bid responder has to be able to show 4♠ after 1NT.

Partner	You	Partner	You
1♣	1♥		
1NT	2♣ forces 2♦		
		2♦ forced	
			Pass weak with 5♦
			2♥ limit, 5+♥, NF
			2♠ 4♥/4♠, limit
			2NT limit
			3♣ limit, 4♥/5+♣
			3♦ limit, 4♥/5+♦
			3♥ limit, 6♥, bad trumps (good trumps: direct 3♥)
			3NT choice-of-games, 5♥332
	2♦ artificial, GF		
		2♥ 3♥	
		2♠ natural	
		2NT natural, 3-2-4-4 or 5 bad clubs	
		3♣ 5♣	
		3♦ 5♣/4♦	
	2♥ to play		
	2♠ 4♠, 5♥ limit		
	2NT forces 3♣		
		3♣ forced	
			Pass weak with 6+♣
			3♦ GF, 5♥/5♦
			3♥ GF, 5♥/5♠
			3♠ GF, 6♥/5♠
	3♣ limit 5♥/5♣		
	3♦ limit 5♥/5♦		
	3♥ limit, 6♥, good trumps (GF via 2♦)		
	3♠ splinter for ♥		
	4♣/♦ splinter for ♥		
1♣	1♠		
1NT	2♣ forces 2♦		
		2♦ forced	
			Pass weak with 5♦
			2♥ limit, 5+♠, 4♥, NF
			2♠ limit, 5+♠, no 4♥, NF
			2NT limit
			3♣ limit, 4♠, 5+♣
			3♦ limit, 4♠, 5+♦
			3♥ limit, 5♠ 5♥, bad trumps (good trumps: direct 3♥)
			3♠ limit, 6♠ bad trumps (good trumps: direct 3♠)
			3NT choice-of-games, 5♠332
	2♦ artificial, GF		
		2♥ 4♥	
		2♠ 3♠, no 4♥	
		2NT natural, 2-3-4-4 or 5 bad clubs	
		3♣ 5♣	
		3♦ 5♣ 4♦	
	2♥ 5+♠, 4+♥, to play		
	2♠ to play		
	2NT forces 3♣		
		3♣ forced	
			Pass weak with 6+♣
			3♦ GF, 5♠/5♦
			3♥ GF, 5♠/5♥
			3♠ GF, 5♠/5♣
	3♣ limit, 5♠/5♣		
	3♦ limit, 5♠/5♦		
	3♥ limit 5♠/5♥, good trumps (bad trumps via 2♠)		
	3♠ limit, 6♠, good trumps (bad trumps via 2♠, gf via 2♦)		
	4♣/♦ splinter for ♠		
	4♥ splinter for ♠ (!)		

After 1♦-1♥/♠-1NT mostly similar.

When you play the 1♦ opening as 5+ or 4=4=4=1 some things are a little different.

Responder now doesn't need 5♦ to show support. 4♦ or sometimes even 3♦ is enough.

e.g.

Partner	You
1♦	1♠
1NT	3♦ limit 5♠ 4(3) ♦

Also: some shapes are no longer possible. After a 1NT rebid 4♠ is no longer possible, so a 2♠ bid shows values.

Partner	You
1♦	1♥
1NT	2♦
2♠	values, no 3♥