

Fifth Chair



Balancing NoTrump

A NO-TRUMP IS A BALANCING NO-TRUMP WHEN THE BIDDING GOES:

South West North East

Pass 1H Pass Pass

1NT

South has not made a DIRECT overcall of 1NT but rather a reopening bid of 1NT. This is called a balancing NO TRUMP, since if South passes, the bidding will die. Reopening bids are NEVER unusual and when made by a passed hand promises 10-12 high card points and at least one stopper in the opponents bid suit. The range for a non passed hand is 11-15 points.

In the above bidding sequence, South might have:

Axx KJx QJxx J10x