

Magic Diamond (Lars Andersson-Tommy Gullberg)

1 D 17+ (neither 17 BAL nor 18 BAL in 3rd/4th hand)

Strong diamond with 1 heart negative, 1 spade general gameforcing (balanced/semibalanced/3-suiters) and transfer responses from 1 NT. We might use relays in game forcing situations. If 3rd/4th hand, responder makes strong unbalanced bids slightly weaker than 1st/2nd hand.

1 C:

12-16 unbalanced (any distribution) or 15-17 NT.

Responses:

1 D negative (0-7 any, 0-8 balanced) or game forcing (12+ any). Others as openings in 1st/2nd hand.

In 3rd/4th hand 1 C show 12-15 NT normally without 5card major.

Responses: 1 H/S 0-7 5+ card, 1 diamond 0-8, 1 NT 9-11, 2 minor 10-11 5 card

1 H/S

8-11 Unbalanced or 5332. Longer minor possible. Denies 4333 and 4432. Not mandatory openings!

Responses: 1NT to 2-under trump show the suit above (unknown strength but 2-under trump show at least 12-14 and 3 card support). Opener accepts responder's suit or bids second suit (canapé (6+) in minor), long good opening suit (6+), show side suit in hearts and extra values after 1 spade- "2minor".

Preemptive raises and invitational (+) 2NT. Raises to 4 major could be weak or strong. Quebids = inv raise.

Transfer by responder in second round after 1 heart – 1 spade-1 NT.

3rd/4th hand openings show 11-16. After 1 H/S then 2 minor show strength and support (2/3 card support 9-11).

1 NT 12-14 balanced or slightly unbalanced

Transfers. May have 4 card M and 6 card minor

2 C/D

8-11 Unbalanced no major. At least 6 card or (5+4+) in the minors.

Relay asks (promises strength). Jumps in major are invitational.

3rd/4th hand 12-16 with 2 H/S nat nonforcing (relays are conventional force).

2 H/S

(6-7) 8-11(12) 5+-5+ with the major + clubs *or* the other major + diamonds.

2 NT asks/3 NT show own good suit F and the rest is Multi. Pass after D does not promise anything. Bids are Multi.

2 NT

5+-5+ in majors/minors

Strength as 2 H/S but 12-16 if minors in 3rd/4th hand.

3 clubs = relay, normally strong/3 NT own strong suit F and the rest is MULTI.
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