

CONTRACT BRIDGE

CONTRACT BRIDGE – INSTRUCTIONS (AMSTRAD 464 CPC)

LOADING: PRESS THE <ENTER> KEY ON THE NUMERIC KEY PAD WHILE HOLDING DOWN THE <CONTROL> KEY.

KEYBOARD CONTROLS

A. WHEN BIDDING

BID
NUMBER
SUIT-CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES, NO-TRUMPS
PASS
DOUBLE
REDOUBLE
CANCEL NUMBER

KEY
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
C, D, H, S, N
P
D
R
[SPACE BAR]

FOR A SUIT/NO-TRUMP BID THE NUMBER MUST BE ENTERED FIRST. ILLEGAL ENTRIES WILL BE IGNORED.

B. DURING PLAY

PLAY
LOWEST OF SUIT
HIGHEST OF SUIT
LOWEST TRUMP
SUIT (as bidding)
CARD

KEY
[ENTER]
[SPACE BAR]
P
C, D, H, S
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, (1 or T), J, Q, K, A

CARD AND SUIT MAY BE ENTERED IN EITHER ORDER. THE SUIT IS SELECTED AUTOMATICALLY IF ONLY ONE SUIT CAN BE PLAYED. SINGLETONS ARE ALSO PLAYED AUTOMATICALLY.

ILLEGAL ENTRIES WILL BE DISALLOWED AND A TWO-TONE SOUND WILL RESULT.

EXAMPLE

IF EAST LEADS THE JACK OF SPADES, SIMPLY PRESS [ENTER] TO FOLLOW SUIT WITH YOUR LOWEST, [SPACE BAR] TO FOLLOW SUIT WITH YOUR HIGHEST, P TO TRUMP IN (IF YOU HAVE NO SPADES!). OR SELECT A PARTICULAR CARD WITH 2-A (AND C, D, H, S IF YOU ARE NOT FOLLOWING SUIT).

BIDDING

EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON NATURAL BIDDING THROUGHOUT, LOOSELY BASED ON ACOL NATURAL BIDS. THE ONLY ARTIFICIAL BIDS USED ARE THE STAYMAN AND BLACKWOOD CONVENTIONS WHICH ARE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL FURTHER ON.

HAND EVALUATION

A SIMPLIFIED VERSION OF THE 'GOREN' POINT COUNT SYSTEM IS USED:

ACE	4 PTS
KING	3 PTS
QUEEN	2 PTS
JACK	1 PT
VOID SUIT	3 PTS
SINGLETON	2 PTS
DOUBLETON	1 PT

IN ADDITION YOU CANNOT COUNT HONOUR POINTS FOR A SINGLETON KING, A QUEEN IN A DOUBLETON, OR A JACK IN A THREE CARD SUIT ETC.

THE COMPUTER ALSO COUNTS 1 POINT FOR EACH CARD AFTER THE 4TH IN A LONG SUIT (OF 5 OR MORE CARDS).

IMPORTANT POINT VALUES (BETWEEN YOU AND PARTNER)

GAME IN MAJOR OR NO TRUMP	26 PTS
GAME IN MINOR	29 PTS
SMALL SLAM	33 PTS
GRAND SLAM	37 PTS

EXAMPLE

♠ A	4 PTS FOR A + 2 PTS FOR SINGLETON =	6 PTS
♥ KQ742	3 PTS FOR K + 2 PTS FOR Q =	5 PTS
♦ Q7	0 PTS FOR Q + 1 PT FOR DOUBLETON =	1 PT
♣ AJ1083	4 PTS FOR A + 1 PT FOR J =	5 PTS
	TOTAL POINTS IN THIS HAND =	17 PTS

BIDDING SYSTEM

THE COMPUTER USES THE FOLLOWING BIDDING SYSTEM:

OPENING BIDS

LESS THAN 10 PTS WITH 7 CARD SUIT
LESS THAN 13 PTS
13-19 PTS WITH A STRONG SUIT
13-19 PTS WITH A BALANCED HAND
20+ PTS WITH A STRONG SUIT
20+ PTS WITH A BALANCED HAND

3 OF SUIT (PRE-EMPTIVE AND WEAK)
PASS
1 OF SUIT
1 NO TRUMP
2 OF SUIT
2 NO TRUMPS

RESPONSES TO ONE OF SUIT

LESS THAN 6 PTS
7-11 PTS WITH TRUMP SUPPORT
7-11 PTS WITHOUT SUPPORT
12-17 PTS WITH TRUMP SUPPORT
12+ PTS WITHOUT SUPPORT
18+ PTS WITH GOOD TRUMP SUPPORT

PASS
RAISE TO 2 OF SUIT
1 OF HIGHER SUIT, 2 OF LOWER SUIT OR 1NT
RAISE TO 3 OF SUIT
JUMP BID IN NEW SUIT OR NO TRUMP
RAISE TO 4 OF SUIT (INVITE SLAM)

RESPONSES TO ONE NO TRUMP

LESS THAN 6 PTS
7-11 PTS WITH STRONG SUIT (EXCEPT CLUBS)
12+ PTS WITH STRONG SUIT
7-11 PTS WITH GOOD SUPPORT FOR BOTH MAJORS
8-12 PTS WITH NO STRONG SUIT
13+ PTS WITH BALANCED HAND/GOOD FIT

PASS
2 OF SUIT
3 OF SUIT
STAYMAN CONVENTION (SEE BELOW)
2 NO TRUMPS
3 NO TRUMPS

STAYMAN CONVENTION – (IN RESPONSE TO ONE NO TRUMP)

WITH 7-11 PTS AND GOOD SUPPORT FOR HEARTS AND SPADES – BID 2 CLUBS. THIS IS AN ARTIFICIAL BID – ASKING YOUR PARTNER TO BID HIS BEST BIDDABLE MAJOR – IF HE HAS ONE. IF HE HAS NOT HE WILL REPLY 2 DIAMONDS.

NOTE: THE STAYMAN CONVENTION IS ONLY PLAYED AND RECOGNISED AT THE LEVEL OF 2 CLUBS. 3 CLUBS WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS A CLUB BID.

BLACKWOOD SLAM BIDDING CONVENTION

AN ARTIFICIAL BID OF FOUR NO TRUMPS ASKS YOUR PARTNER TO SHOW HOW MANY ACES HE IS HOLDING. THE REPLIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NO ACES	5 CLUBS
ONE ACE	5 DIAMONDS
TWO ACES	5 HEARTS
THREE ACES	5 SPADES
ALL FOUR ACES (UNLIKELY)	5 CLUBS

YOU MAY THEN ASK FOR KINGS IN A SIMILAR WAY BY BIDDING FIVE NO TRUMPS. THE REPLIES ARE THE SAME AS FOR ACES BUT AT THE LEVEL OF SIX, E.G. TWO KINGS – REPLY 6 HEARTS ETC.

OBVIOUSLY, BEFORE THE BLACKWOOD 4 NO TRUMPS IS BID A SUIT MUST HAVE BEEN DECIDED – YOU CANNOT USE BLACKWOOD TO BID A SLAM IN NO TRUMPS!

NOTES & OTHER FEATURES

AN OPEN NO TRUMP IS PLAYED THROUGHOUT (13-19 PTS)
SCORING IS CUMULATIVE, TO RUBBER, WITH TOTAL SCORE AND RUBBERS WON DISPLAYED CONSTANTLY
DECLARER AND CONTRACT DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES
LAST TRICK DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES
NUMBER OF TRICKS WON BY N/S AND B/W DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES
BONUS SCORES FOR HONOURS
BIDDING REMAINS ON DISPLAY FOR REFERENCE

