

Bridge System Card - Slam Bids

Slam: 12 Tricks bid of 6 need 33+ points

Grand Slam: 13 Tricks bid of 7 need 37+ points

How do you know if you have enough points?

Partner opens **1NT** (15-18 points) & you have 16+ points.

You open (12-18 points) & partner does a **Suit Jump Shift** (16+ points).

Partner opens **2C** (19+ points) & you have 14+ points.

In ALL cases you know Total points so **You Control** the Slam Bid.

Bid until you know Suit or No Trumps.

You need a lot of Aces and Kings for a Slam Bid. (4 Aces & 4 Kings = 28 points).

You know how many you have so ask your partner how many they have!

Blackwood (Agree on a Suit first)	Gerber (Agree on No Trumps first)
Hand Shape & in particular Shortages are important when adding up the points.	
Bid 4NT - Partner bids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5C got 0 or 4 Aces 5D got 1 Ace 5H got 2 Aces 5S got 3 Aces 	Bid 4C - Partner bids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4D got 0 or 4 Aces 4H got 1 Ace 4S got 2 Aces 4NT got 3 Aces
Total is only 2 Aces likely close off in Suit.	Total is only 2 Aces close off 4NT.
Total is 3 or 4 Aces check for Kings	Total is 3 or 4 Aces check for Kings
Bid 5NT - Partner bids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6C got 0 or 4 Kings 6D got 1 King 6H got 2 Kings 6S got 3 Kings 	Bid 5C - Partner bids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5D got 0 or 4 Kings 5H got 1 King 5S got 2 Kings 5NT got 3 Kings
Together with your point count bid Suit Slam, Grand Slam or close off minimum level.	Together with point count bid No Trumps Slam, Grand Slam or close off minimum level.

Note:

In many case you can bid Gerber (4C) in place of Blackwood when agreed a Suit. Even if partnership has opened 1C or bid 2C. This can keep the level lower if needing to bail out!