

**Figure A: Opening Bids in No Trump - 1 NT or 2 NT or 3 NT**

Opening NT	Opener's Point Count (HCPs only) and Bid																		
	0 to 11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
	Pass	Minimum Hand			Medium Hand			Strong Hand			Maximum Hand								
Opener's Shape (BALANCED hand)	PASS	1 ♣ or 1 ♦			1 NT			1 ♣ or 1 ♦			2 NT			2 ♣			3 NT		

### 3 Criteria for Opening in NT

#### 1) No 5-card major

- When holding a 5+card major, open that 5+card major instead of NT.
- This practice narrows and clarifies the specifics of the NT opening hand, and makes it easier to identify an 8+card fit in a major suit.
- It is OK to have a 5+card minor.

#### 2) Must be Balanced

- No voids, No singletons, and 1 or 0 doubleton
- Distributions of balanced hands are described by the general notation:
  - 4-3-3-3
  - 4-4-3-2
  - 5-3-3-2 (major suit cannot be 5-cards)

#### 3) Specific HCP Ranges

Each No Trump open bid must be in one of three specific honor card point ranges

- **15 to 17** HCPs – Open **1 NT**
- **20 to 21** HCPs – Open **2 NT**
- **25 to 27** HCPs – Open **3 NT**

# Figure B: Initial Responses for 1 NT Opening Bid

(no Transfers to Minors)

Responses to 1 NT Opening		Responder's HCPs and Bid													
		0-7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Part Score			Game Major				Game Minor				Slam		
Path 1 5+card Major (Transfers)	5 hearts	2♦ Xfr to hearts			2♦ Xfr to hearts				4♦ Texas Xfr to hearts				4♣ Gerber Asking for Aces or 4 NT Quantitative Invitation Asking for Points		
	6+ hearts				4♦ Texas Xfr to hearts				3♥ Natural Bid						
	5 spades	2♥ Xfr to spades			2♥ Xfr to spades				4♥ Texas Xfr to spades						
	6+ spades				4♥ Texas Xfr to spades				3♠ Natural Bid						
Path 2 4-card Major (Stayman)	4 hearts and/or 4 spades	PASS	2♣ Stayman												
Path 3 No 4+card Major	Balanced	PASS					3 NT				3 NT				
	6+ clubs		2 NT				3 NT or 3♣				3 NT or 5♣				
	6+ diamonds						3 NT or 3♦				3 NT or 5♦				
6/11/2024		15-22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Minimum PARTNERSHIP Point Count (assume opener holds 15 HCPs)															

### Path 1 – Transfer Convention

Responder has 5-card Major

0 to 17 pts

- bid 2♦ or 4♦ (request xfr to hearts)
- bid 2♥ or 4♥ (request xfr to spades)

Responder has 6+card Major

0 to 13 pts

- bid 2♦ or 4♦ (request xfr to hearts)
- bid 2♥ or 4♥ (request xfr to spades)

14 to 17 pts

- bid 4♦ (Xfr) or 3♥ (natural)
- bid 4♥ (Xfr) or 3♠ (natural)

### Path 2 – Stayman Convention

Responder has one or both a 4-card Majors

- 0 to 7 pts: bid PASS
- 8-17 pts: bid 2♣

Stayman – looking for opener's 4-card major

### Path 3 – NO 4-card Major

All hands: 0 to 7 pts: bid PASS

Balanced:

- 8 to 9 pts: bid 2 NT
- 10 to 17 pts: bid 3 NT

6+clubs:

- 8 to 9 pts: bid 2 NT
- 10 to 13 pts: bid 3 NT or 3♣
- 14 to 17 pts: bid 3 NT or 5♣

6+diamonds:

- 8 to 9 pts: bid 2 NT
- 10 to 13 pts: bid 3 NT or 3♦
- 14 to 17 pts: bid 3 NT or 5♦

**Figure C: Path 1 – Transfers**

Transfer Responses to 1 NT Opening		Responder's HCPs and Bid										
		0 to 7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Part Score			Game Major				Game Minor			
Path 1 5+card Major (Transfers)	5 hearts	2♦ Transfer to hearts			2♦ Transfer to hearts				4♦ Texas Transfer to hearts			
	6+ hearts				4♦ Texas Transfer to hearts				3♥ Natural bid			
	5 spades	2♥ Transfer to spades			2♥ Transfer to spades				4♥ Texas Transfer to spades			
	6+ spades				4♥ Texas Transfer to spades				3♠ Natural bid			
6/6/2024		15-22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Minimum PARTNERSHIP Point Count (assume opener holds 15 HCPs)												

**Path 1 – Transfer Convention**

Responder has 5-card Heart Suit

- 0 to 13 pts: 2♦ (request Transfer to Hearts)
- 14 to 17 pts: 4♦ (request Texas Transfer to Hearts)

Responder has 5-card Spade Suit

- 0 to 13 pts: 2♥ (request Transfer to Spades)
- 14 to 17 pts: 4♥ (request Texas Transfer to Spades)

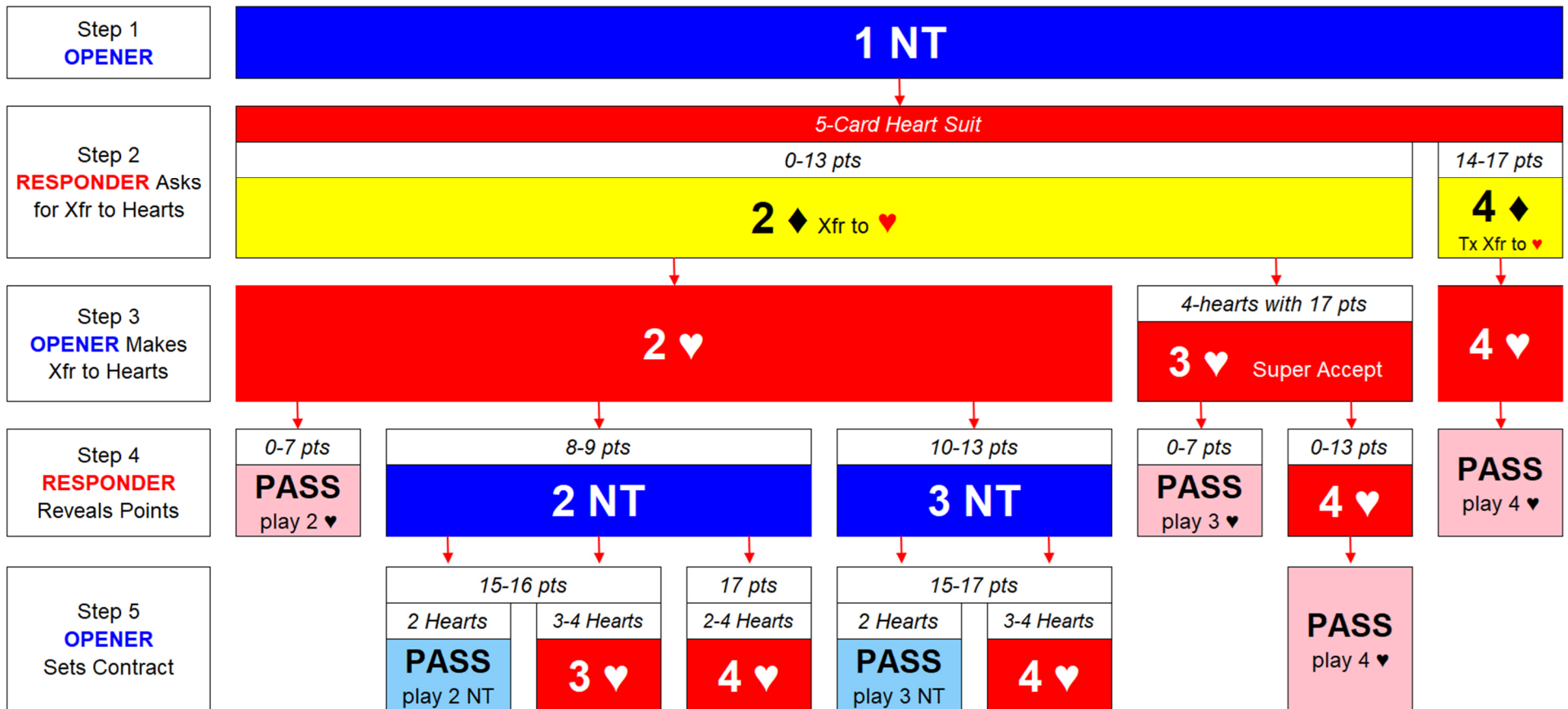
Responder has 6+card Heart Suit

- 0 to 9 pts: 2♦ (request Transfer to Hearts)
- 10 to 13 pts: 4♦ (request Texas Transfer to Hearts)
- 14-17 pts: 3♥ (natural bid)

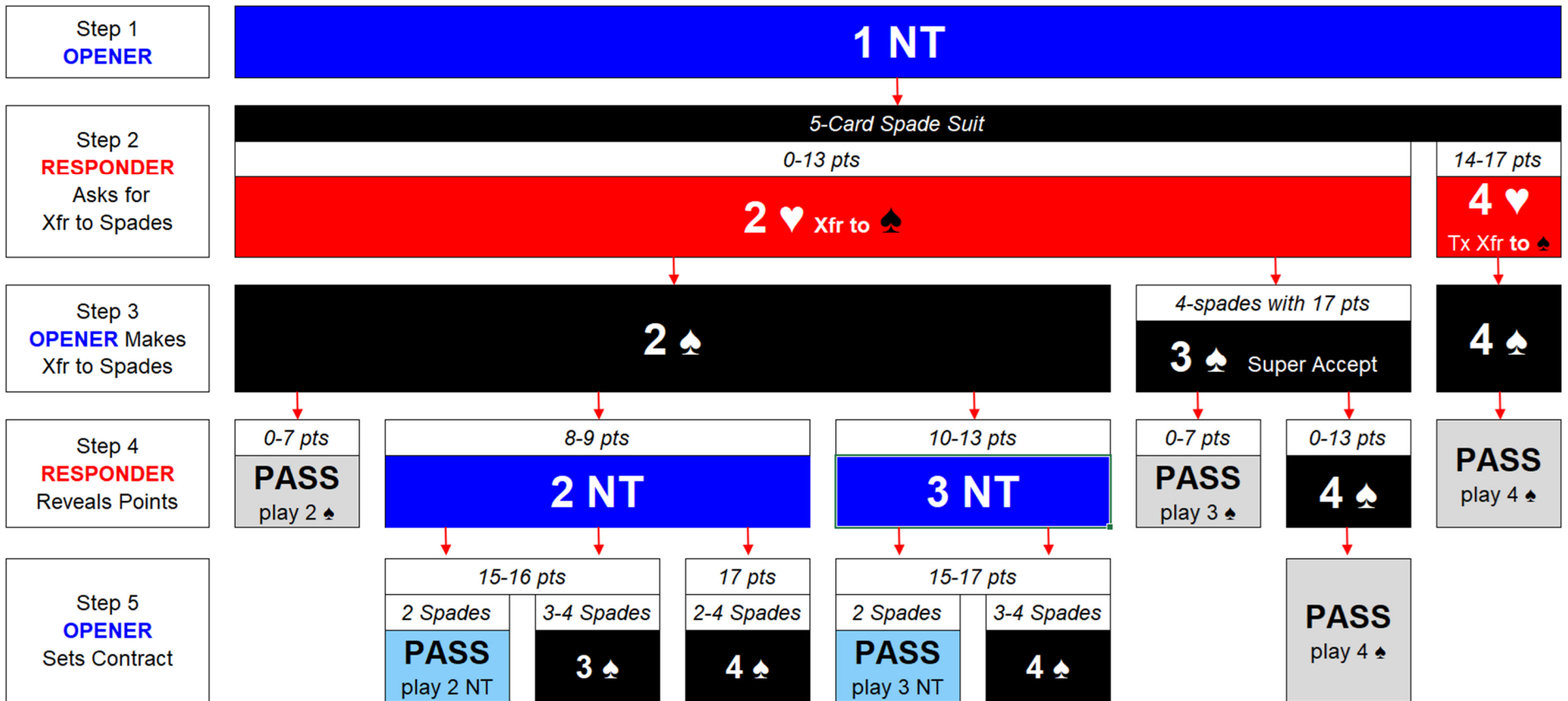
Responder has 6+card Spade Suit

- 0 to 9 pts: 2♥ (request Transfer to Spades)
- 10 to 13 pts: 4♥ (request Texas Transfer to Spades)
- 14 to 17 pts: 3♠ (natural bid)

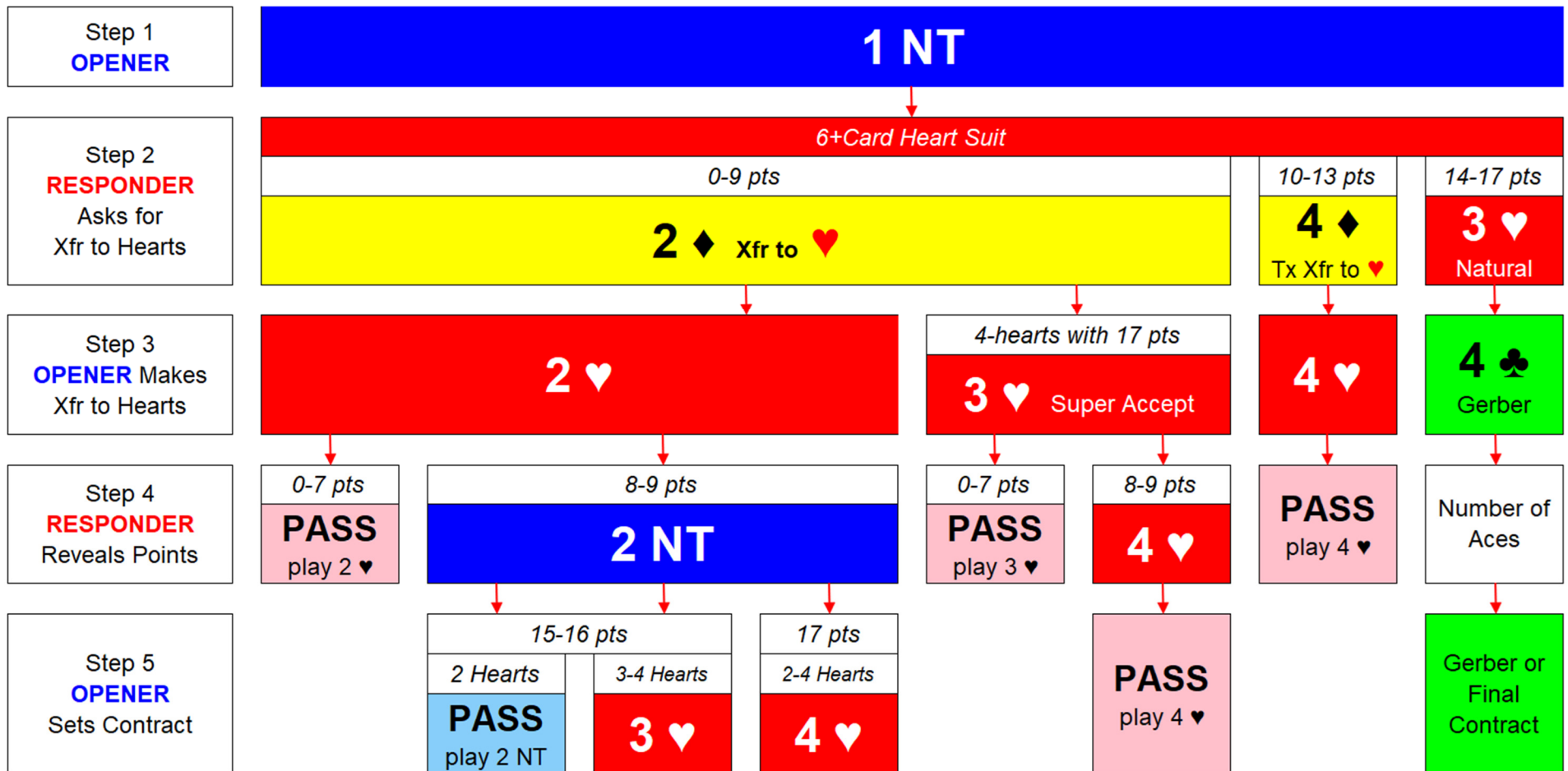
# Figure C1: Path 1 – Transfers Responder has 5-Hearts



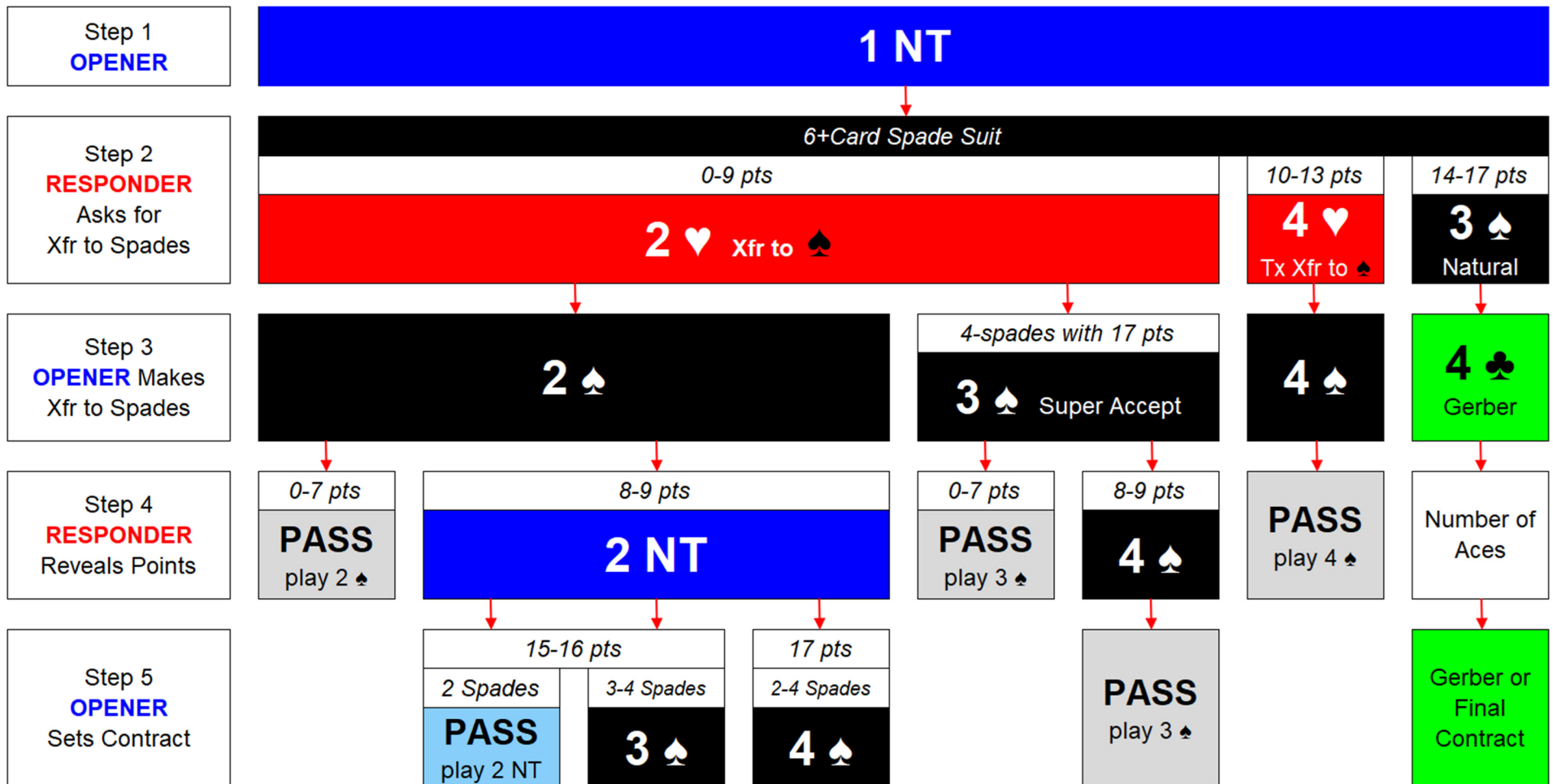
## Figure C2: Path 1 – Transfers Responder has 5-Spades



**Figure C3: Path 1 – Transfers**  
**Responder has 6+ Hearts**

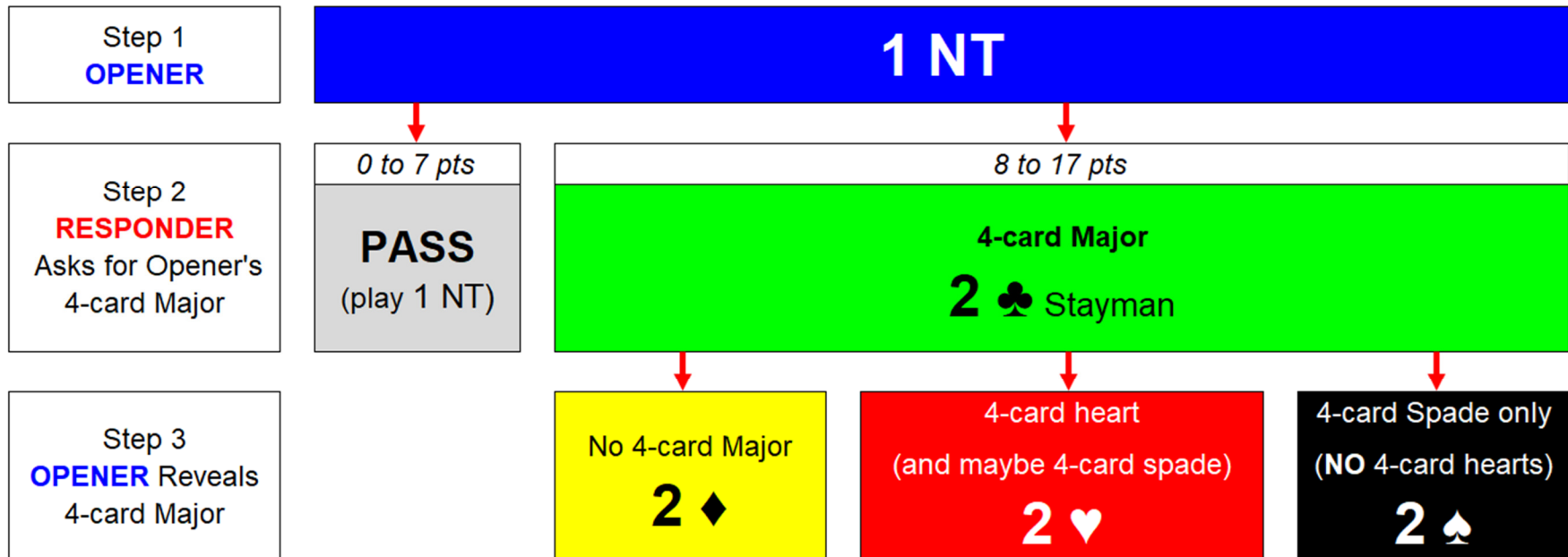


### Figure C4: Path 1 – Transfers Responder has 6+ Spades



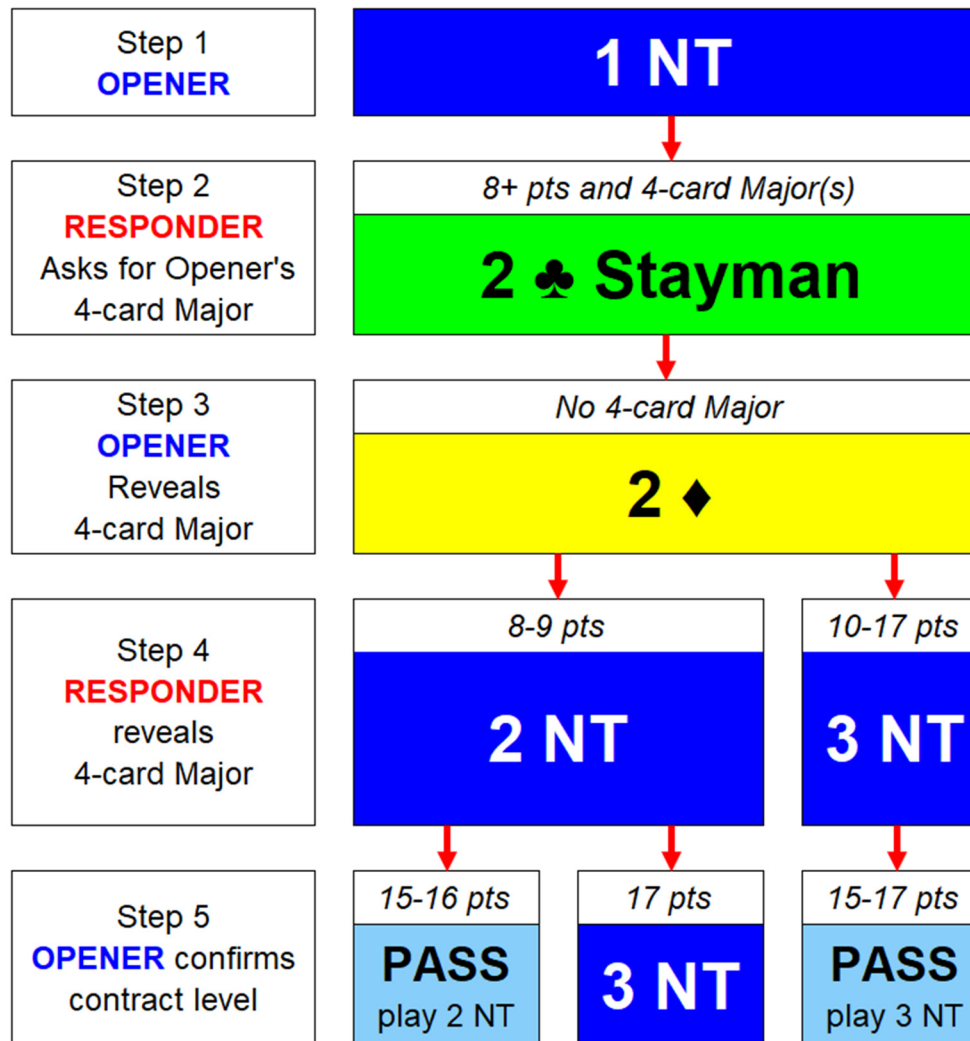
## Figure D: Path 2 – Stayman 2♣ Responder has a 4-card Major

Stayman Responses to 1 NT Opening		Responder's HCPs and Bid											
		0-7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
		Part Score			Game Major				Game Minor				
Path 2 4-card Major (Stayman)	4 hearts and/or 4 spades	PASS	<span style="background-color: green; color: black; padding: 2px;">2♣</span> Stayman										
6/7/2024		15-22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	
		Minimum <b>PARTNERSHIP</b> Point Count (assume opener holds 15 HCPs)											

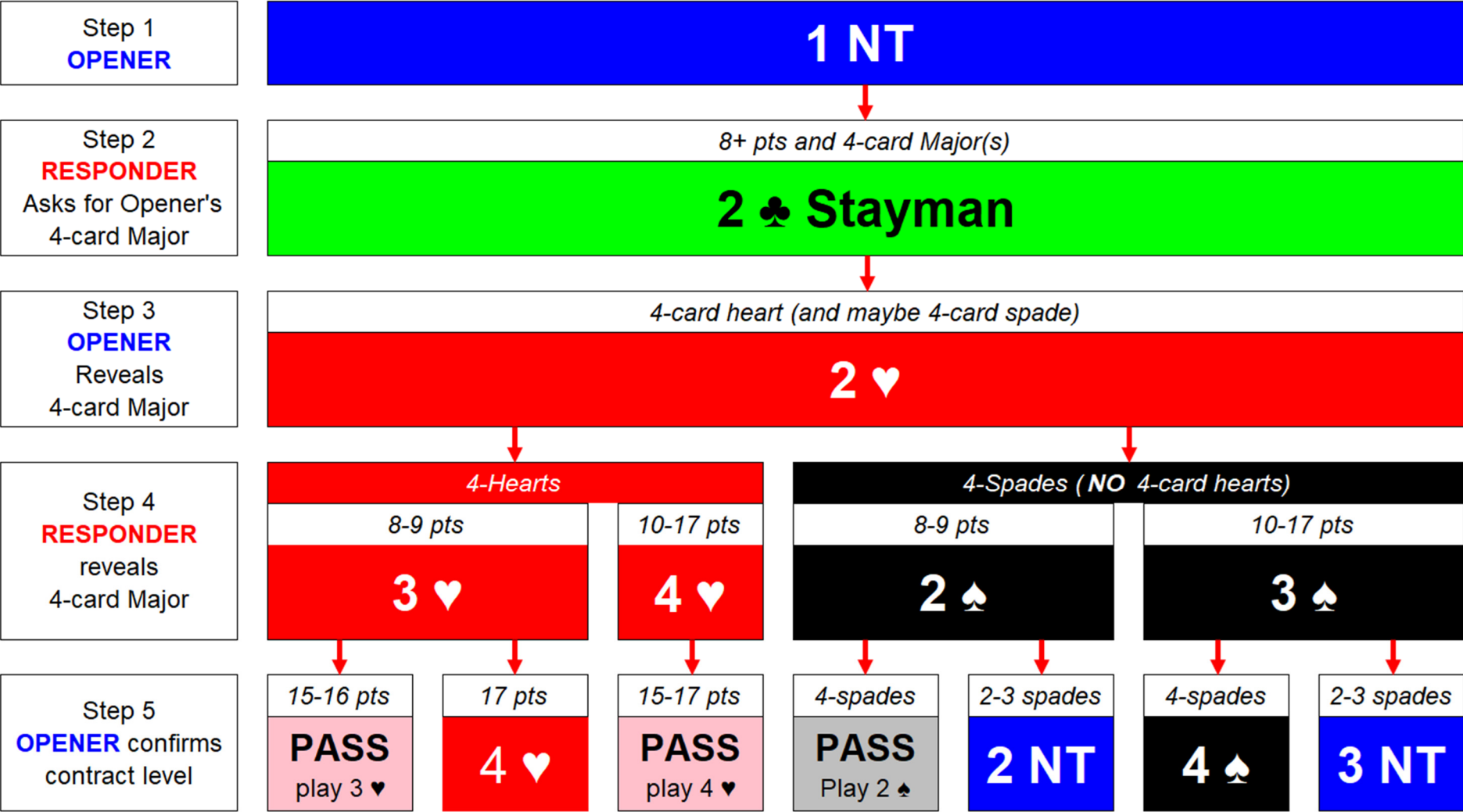




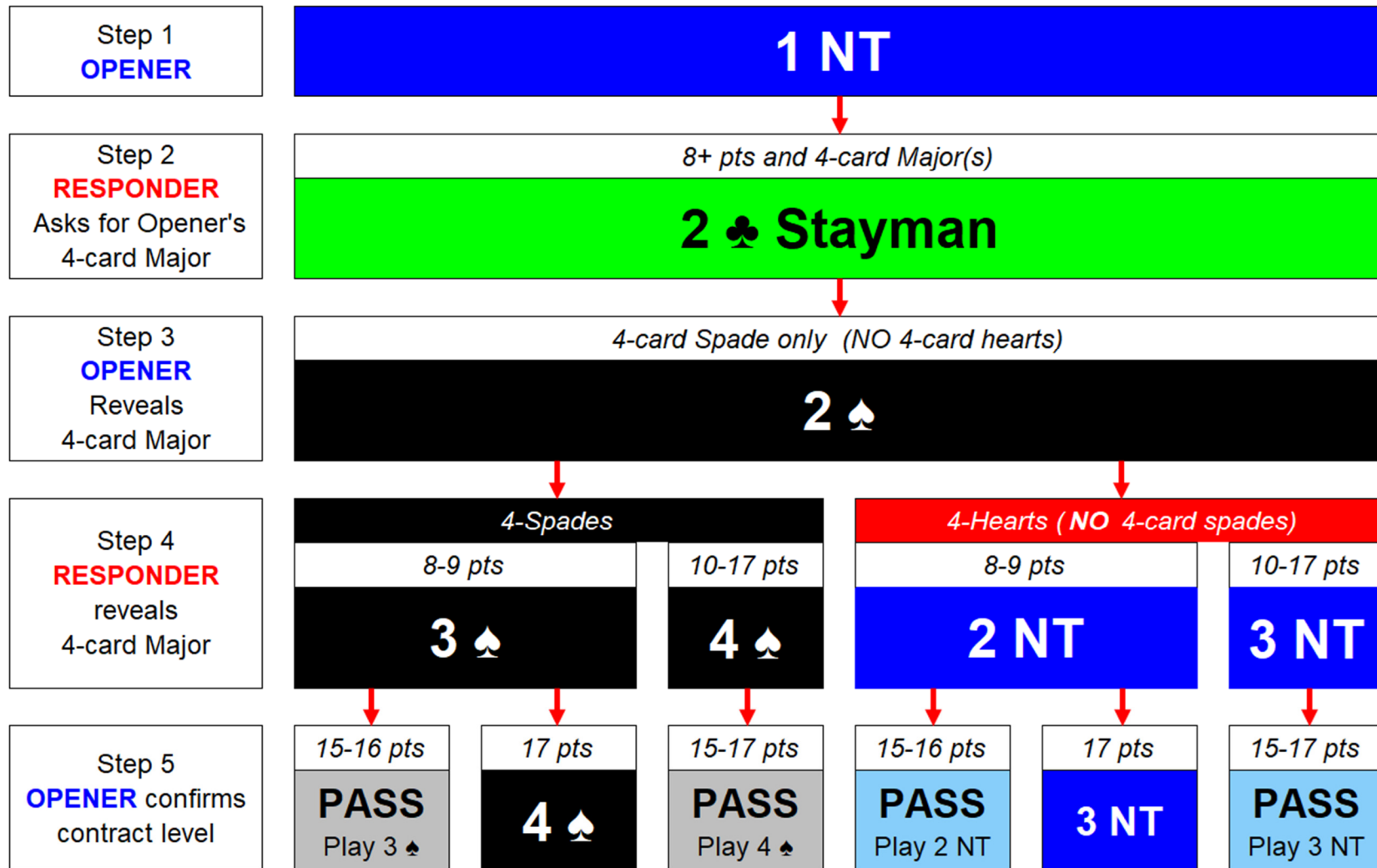
**Figure D1: Path 2 – Stayman  $2\clubsuit$  (Responder has 4-card Major)**  
**Opener does NOT have a 4-card Major  $2\spadesuit$**



**Figure D2: Path 2 – Stayman 2♣ (Responder has 4-card Major)**  
**Opener has 4-card Heart Suit 2♥ (and maybe 4-card Spade Suit)**

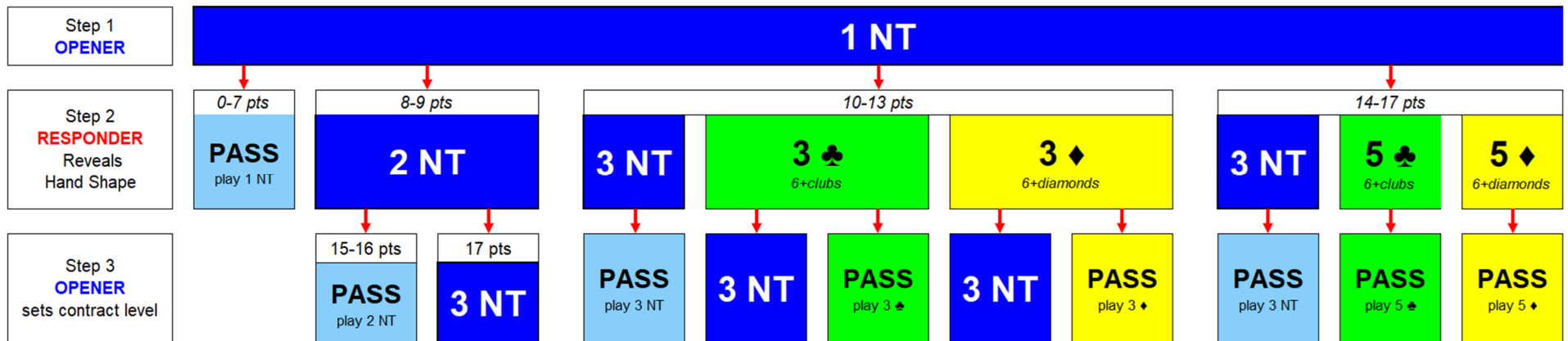


**Figure D3: Path 2 – Stayman  $2\clubsuit$  (Responder has 4-card Major)**  
**Opener has 4-card Spade Suit  $2\spadesuit$  (and NO 4-card Heart Suit)**

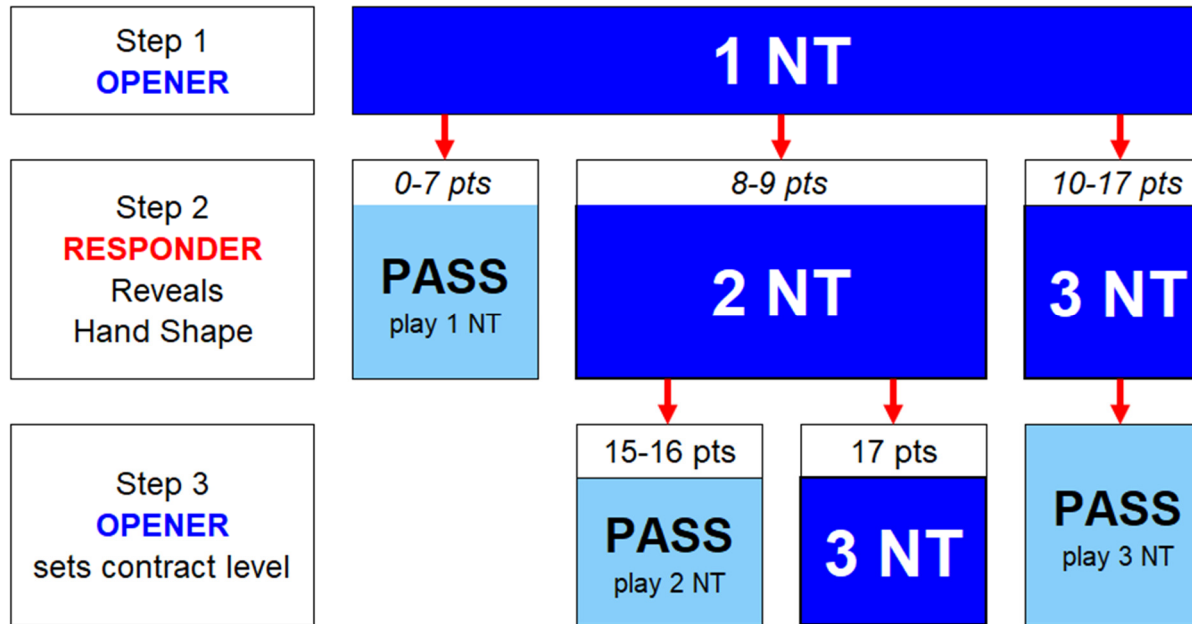


**Figure E: Path 3 – Responder does NOT have a 4+ card Major**

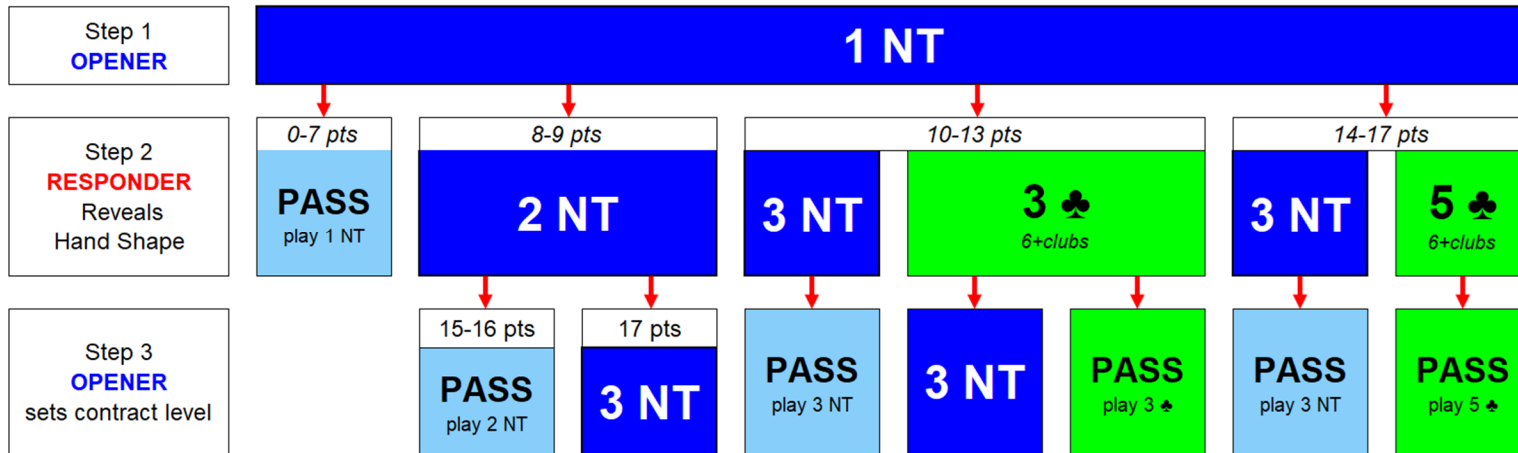
NO 4-card Major Responses to 1 NT Opening		Responder's HCPs and Bid										
		0-7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Part Score			Game Major			Game Minor				
Path 3 NO 4+card Major	Balanced	PASS	2 NT	3 NT			3 NT					
	6+ clubs			3 NT or 3 ♣			3 NT or 5 ♣					
	6+ diamonds			3 NT or 3 ♦			3 NT or 5 ♦					
6/17/2024		15-22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
		Minimum PARTNERSHIP Point Count (assume opener holds 15 HCPs)										



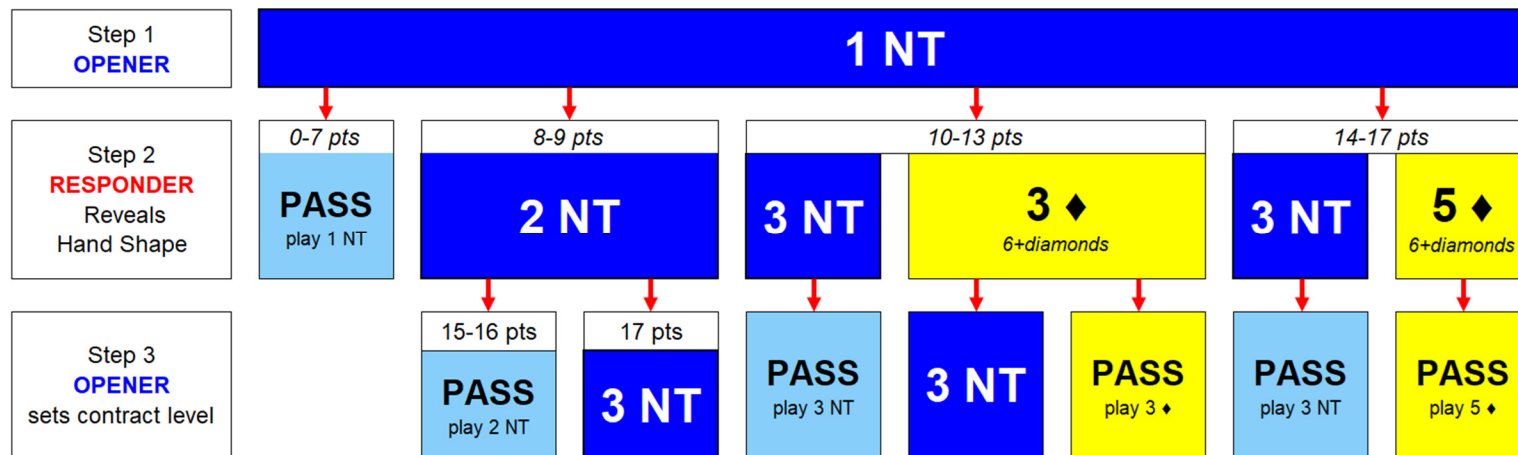
**Figure E1: Path 3 – Responder does NOT have a 4+card Major  
Responder is Balanced**



**Figure E2: Path 3 – Responder does NOT have a 4+ card Major  
Responder has 6+ Clubs**



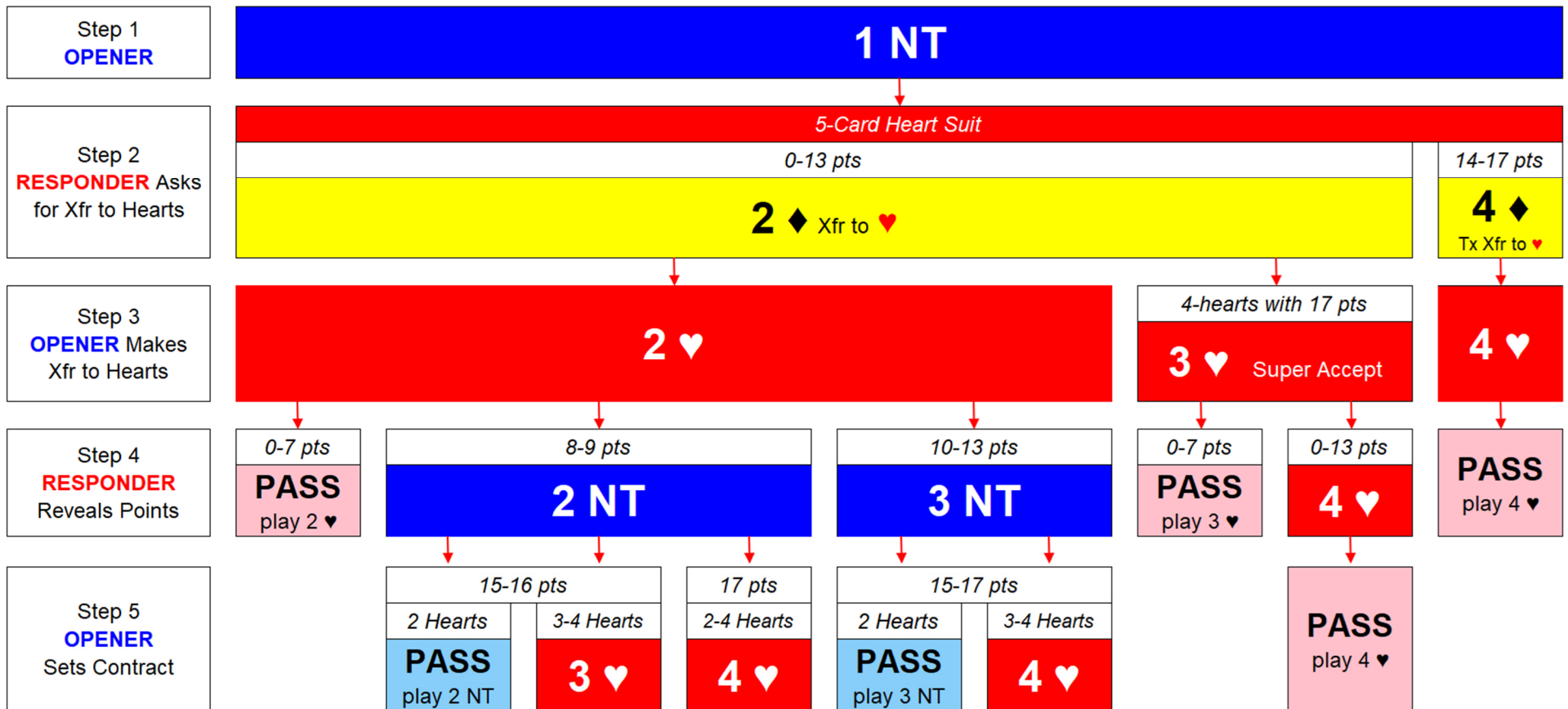
**Responder has 6+ Diamonds**



## Figure F: Simple Transfers (for Beginners) Responder has a 5+card Major

<b>Transfer Responses to 1 NT Opening</b>		Responder's HCPs and Bid										
		0 to 7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Part Score			Game Major				Game Minor			
<u>Path 1</u> <b>5+card Major</b> (Transfers)	5+ hearts	2♦ Transfer to hearts					4♦ Texas Transfer to hearts					
	5+ spades	2♥ Transfer to spades					4♥ Texas Transfer to spades					
6/6/2024		15-22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
		Minimum <b>PARTNERSHIP Point Count</b> <small>(assume opener holds 15 HCPs)</small>										

## Figure G: Simple Transfers Responder has 5+ Hearts





# Figure H: Simple Transfers

## Responder has 5+ Spades

