

2.4 3♦ (after Stayman) - Advanced SID (ASID)

So finally we are really going to define a meaning for the sequences

1NT - 2♣ - 2♥ - 3♦ and 1NT - 2♣ - 2♠ - 3♦.

The 3♦ bid agrees trumps (but does not rule out 3NT as a final contract) and asks opener to further define his hand. Responder has 4 trumps but may be any shape (unlike the original SID convention). Responder is the captain. Opener's replies are: -

After 1NT - 2♣ - 2♥ - 3♦ :-

3♥ = 3433, min
 3♠ = doubleton ♠
 3NT = 3433, non min
 4♣ = doubleton ♣
 4♦ = doubleton ♦
 4♥ = 5 card ♥ suit

after 1NT - 2♣ - 2♠ - 3♦ :-

3♥ = doubleton ♥
 3♠ = 4333, min
 3NT = 4333, non min
 4♣ = doubleton ♣
 4♦ = doubleton ♦
 4♠ = 5 card ♠ suit

Responder may then sign off in the appropriate contract or investigate slam. It is fairly logical to use a subsequent 4♠ as RKCB in the ♥ sequence and 4NT in the ♠ sequence.

Obviously we need to elaborate on a few of the aspects. Let's start with the totally flat hand that is shown by 3 of the major or 3NT. All examples assume a strong NT: -

Example 1

West	East	West	East	
♠ K87	♠ A92	1NT	2♣	(1) ASID enquiry
♥ AJ43	♥ K952	2♥	3♦ (1)	(2) 3433, min
♦ K74	♦ Q95	3♥ (2)	pass (3)	(3) good judgement
♣ AJ4	♣ 963			

East establishes that West is minimum with totally duplicated distribution, so he stays out of game (neither 3NT nor 4♥ is likely to be a success). Note that both East and West evaluate their hands as a minimum because of the flat shape.

Example 2

West	East	West	East	
♠ KQ8	♠ A92	1NT	2♣	(1) ASID enquiry
♥ K743	♥ J952	2♥	3♦ (1)	(2) 3433, max
♦ A74	♦ QJ5	3NT (2)	pass (3)	
♣ AJ4	♣ KQ6			

(3) With ample points and poor trumps, East elects to go for the NT game.

Example 3

West	East	West	East	
♠ Q8	♠ 962	1NT	2♣	(1) ASID enquiry
♥ A10743	♥ Q952	2♥	3♦ (1)	(2) 5♥'s
♦ A74	♦ KQ5	4♥ (2)	pass	
♣ AJ2	♣ KQ6			

It really would be pretty silly to be in 3NT on this deal.

Example 4

West	East	West	East	
♠ KQ8	♠ AJ6	1NT	2♣	(1) ASID enquiry
♥ AJ74	♥ Q952	2♥	3♦ (1)	(2) doubleton ♦
♦ Q4	♦ 852	4♦ (2)	4♥	
♣ A942	♣ KQ6	pass		

ASID is not only used for looking for the best possible game; if responder bids on over game, he is looking for slam (or he may simply bid slam): -

Example 5

West	East	West	East	
♠ KQ85	♠ A6	1NT	2♣	(1) ASID enquiry
♥ KQ74	♥ AJ92	2♥	3♦ (1)	(2) doubleton ♣
♦ QJ4	♦ K1093	4♣ (2)	6♥	
♣ Q2	♣ A73	pass		

A reasonable slam on minimal values. Excellent on a non-♣ lead.