

## Jacoby 2NT (Two No-Trump)

The Jacoby 2NT convention is an artificial, game-forcing response to a 1♥ or 1♠ opening bid. The 2NT response shows 4+ trump support with 13+ points. It asks partner to describe her hand further so that slam prospects can be judged accordingly.

Jacoby 2NT is intended for use in 5-card major systems that employ **limit raises** for game invitations. Thus, Jacoby 2NT fills the need for a game-forcing raise with unlimited strength. It doesn't come up often but is precious in its role.

## Opener's Rebids

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After the auction begins 1♥/♠ : 2NT, opener's rebids are as follows.

Opener's Rebid	Meaning
3♣	Singleton or void in clubs.
3♦	Singleton or void in diamonds.
3♥	If ♥ are trumps, then this rebid shows 17+ points and interest in slam. It asks responder to describe his hand further.  If ♠ are trumps, then this shows a singleton or void in hearts.
3♠	If ♠ are trumps, then this rebid shows 17+ points and interest in slam. It asks responder to describe his hand further.  If ♥ are trumps, then this shows a singleton or void in spades.
3NT	Good 13-15 points, balanced, no singleton/void.
4♣	5+ clubs.
4♦	5+ diamonds.
4♥	If ♥ are trumps, then this rebid shows a minimum hand (11-14 points) and is a signoff bid.  If ♠ are trumps, then this shows 5+ hearts.
4♠	If ♠ are trumps, then this rebid shows a minimum hand (11-14 points) and is a signoff bid.

**Note: Showing a 5-card side suit has priority over showing a singleton or void.**

## Responder's Rebids

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- After any 3-level rebid by opener, responder can bid any suit (besides the agreed trump suit) to show a first-round control - i.e. an ace or void.
- After ANY rebid by opener, 4NT is Blackwood (or Roman Key Card Blackwood).

### Example

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Opener	Responder
♠AK843	♠QJ52
♥A932	♥KQ
♦J	♦A862
♣T98	♣Q53

Opener	Responder
1♠ (1)	2NT (2)
3♦ (3)	4♦ (4)
4♥ (5)	4♠ (6)
Pass (7)	

1. 1♠ shows 12+ points and 5+ spades
2. 2NT shows 13+ points and 4+ spades - game forcing!
3. 3♦ shows a diamond singleton or void
4. 4♦ shows first-round diamond control
5. 4♥ shows first-round heart control
6. 4♠ shows a willingness to stop in game and implies the club suit as a concern. With a club ace or void, responder would have bid 4♣ instead of 4♦.
7. Pass shows that opener does not have anything extra to show and is satisfied with game.

## In Competition

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Jacoby 2NT is off in competition. After interference over opener's 1♥/♠, a 2NT bid by responder is commonly used as a limit raise (the Jordan 2NT convention).

## Origins

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The Jacoby 2NT convention is named for its American inventor Oswald Jacoby. See also Jacoby Transfers.