



The difference...

This variation on Blackwood is more complex, but more precise than the original...

As in Keycard Blackwood, the FIVE "Key Cards" are the 4 Aces and the King of Trumps so...

- A Trump Suit must be agreed. Usually the "Trump" suit is the last suit bid by their side in the auction.
- The convention is started by a bid of 4NT by either side following an auction where suits have been bid naturally.

Since Announcements came in, bids above 3NT are not alerted, so do not alert any of these bids, but be prepared to give an explanation if asked.

Asking for Key Cards

A bid of 4NT asks partner to count his holding of the FIVE key cards and report. The bid is forcing, partner must reply.

Reporting Key Cards

5♣ shows 3 or 0 Key Cards

5♦ shows 4 or 1 Key Cards

5♥ shows 2 Key Cards but NOT the Queen of Trumps

5♠ shows 2 Key Cards AND the Queen of Trumps

5NT shows an even number of key cards and a void



Asking for Outside (Not Trump) Kings

A bid of 5NT asks partner to count his outside kings and report

The bid is forcing, partner must reply.

You and partner must agree one of these Methods:

Reporting Outside Kings – Method 1

6♣ shows NO Outside Kings

6♦ shows 1 King

6♥ shows 2 Kings

6♠ shows 3 Kings

Reporting Outside Kings – Method 2

Bid the outside suits where you have Kings,
starting with the lowest ranking.

6 of the Trump Suit denies any outside Kings

6♣ shows King of Clubs

6♦ shows King of Diamonds and DENIES the King of Clubs

6♥ not Trumps, shows King of Hearts and

DENIES Kings of Clubs and Diamonds

etc



“Invitation to small slam”

After a 4NT bid has received the reply of 5♣ (3 or 0) or 5♦ (4 or 1) the enquiring partner uses a bid of 5 of the trump suit to invite partner to raise to 6 if the holding is 3 or 4 key cards.

Looking for the Queen of Trumps

After a 4NT bid has received the reply of 5♣ (3 or 0) or 5♦ (4 or 1) the enquiring partner may wish to know whether the answering partner has the Queen of Trumps.

They ask by bidding the lowest non-trump suit at the five level. The answering partner denies holding the Queen of Trumps by bidding the trump suit at the lowest available level.

If the answering partner holds the Queen of Trumps, they bid the lowest ranking outside suit with a King, OR

5NT if they don't hold an outside King thus giving two bits of information in one bid!



Example Auction

N E S W

1♠ P 4♠ P

Opening 1♠ is raised directly to game

4NT P 5♣ P

4NT is RKCB, 5♣ response shows 3 or 0 key cards.

5♠ P 6♠ P

Bidding 5 of the agreed trump suit invites slam if responder holds 3 key cards, and he/she does.

P P

South

♠	K 10 9 8 7 6
♥	A 10
♦	A 3 2
♣	4 3