

JACOBY JR

1H - 1S = natural 4+s and 6+hcp

1H - 1NT = 6-11 (12)

1H - 2C = 3way

1. 2+ clubs forcing to game
2. Natural forcing to game
3. Limit 3 card heart raise

1H - 2D = game force with 5+diamonds

1H - 2H = 6-10 with 3+h usually a 9 loser hand

1H - 2S = 2-5 hcp with 6+s and usually 0-1 heart

1H - 2N = Jacoby JR! Limit raise of better with 4+trumps - 8 or less losers.

1H - 3C = 6+clubs, good suit, 9-11 hcp, usually 0-1 hearts

1H - 3D = 6+diamonds, good suit, 9-11 hcp, usually 0-1 hearts

1H - 3H = "Mixed raise" less than limit but better than a pre emptive bid

1H - 3S and higher can be played in various ways - two tier splinters - or 3n could be used to show a 3244

Today is all about 9+card fit auctions, and when you have 9+ trumps loser count becomes more important than high card points.

With 4+ card fit you have options how to support partner

I gave up playing preemptive bids in auctions that my opponents have not made a bid.

Non game forcing bids

- 1S - 2S with balanced hand and 9 losers
- 1S - 3S is a mixed raise, showing 7-9 dummy points, not quite enough for a limit raise, but better than a preemptive hand(less than 6 high card points)
- 1S - 2N is now a limit raise or better with 4+ trumps.

Game forcing bids

- 2/1 followed by supporting partner - this way always shows a good side suit
- Splitter bids - I like my splinters showing shortness in the suit bid and controls in the two unbid suits...

Now we focus on the JACOBY JR

1M - 2N

3C = Any hand that is not accepting a limit raise (usually 11-13 (14))

3D = 15+ No shortness

3H = 15+ short clubs

3S = 15+ short diamonds

3NT = 15+ short other major

4 Level bids show a GOOD second 5 card suit and 15+

1H - 2NT

3C - 3D = game forcing and asks for a singleton or further description of the hand

3H = no shortness

3S = short clubs

3N = short diamonds

4C = short spades

3H = I only have a limit raise

4H = I have my game forcing bid but not willing to go any further

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Now comes the tricky part....

I play this on over interference!

1S - (2C/2D/2H) - 2N = system on!!!

And I also play it when partner has made an overcall and next hand makes some noise

(1C) - 1H - (anything but a pass) - 2N = system on

The key to all those auctions is when you can both cue bid and 2N available, the cue bid shows a 3 card limit raise and the 2N shows a 4 card limit raise

1H - (2S) - 2N = limit + with 3+Hearts

So 2NT is never a natural bid for me except in one situation

(1C/D/H) - 1S - (P) - 2NT is now natural, and I do believe this is the only time I can bid 2NT as a natural bid.

Is there any cost to this method?

- In the uncontested auction there is no cost only advantages 😊 the biggest advantage is now you have the jump to 3S as a mixed raise.
- In a competitive auctions you throw out the natural 2NT bid that in my mind is an awful bid anyway. Why would you ever want to bid 2NT natural when partner opens 1M and they overcall at the 2 level? What hand do you have? 1S - (2C) and you don't have support for partners major, you don't have a 4 card other major(with that hand you can make a negative double) and your club holding is such that you don't want to pass and wait for partner to re open with a double.

IF you can draw up a hand that you are just dying to make a natural 2NT bid, call me. I will not be waiting for your call because I honestly don't think that hand exists.... But that is my very humble opinion.

Now lets take a look at a some hands and see our new beautiful system in action

Advanced bidding 1/17/2025

Q98762	AK103
A 3	J642
A84	3
K Q	A975

1S - 2N

3D - 3NT = short diamonds

4N - 5D

5N - 6S

Looking for 7 in case partner has the king of hearts

AK8653	Q1042
Q42	73
3	AKJ5
AQ4	KJ3

1S - 2N

3S = 15+ and short diamonds - 4C fishing for a heart control

4S - P = we have a heart problem

KJ972	AQ86
Q J	K97
AQ3	K82
762	953

1S - 2N

3C - 3S = I only have a limit raise - 8 loser hand

P