

Jacoby 2NT Practice

A response of 2NT by an unpassed hand to partners opening bid of 1H/1S shows a) 13+HCP and b) 4+card support.

Opener rebids as follows:

With shortness-

- a) new suit at the 3 level shows a singleton or void in that suit
- b) new suit at the 4 level shows a good second five card suit

Without shortness:

- a) Jump to game with a minimum (11-14 HCP)
- b) 3NT with medium strength (15-17 HCP)
- c) 3 of the major with maximum (18+ HCP)

What would you rebid after 1S-P-2NT-P- with the following?

- a) KQ753 AJ65 8 Q65
- b) KQ753 AK76 8 KQ7
- c) AQ765 76 AK7 765
- d) AQJ765 98 98 AQ7
- e) KQ765 3 87 AKQ76
- f) AQ654 KQ5 A2 K76
- g) AQJ76 9 A5 J7653
- h) K5432 8 AKQ6 987

Notice that with shortness, the strength of the opener's hand is unknown. Once the opener rebids then the responder may either sign off at game, bid Blackwood, or cue bid a side suit

control to indicate interest in slam and asking opener to further describe his hand in terms of slam interest.

Some practice with both hands:

Opener:

Responder:

a) AQJ54 K63 8 A432

KT76 QJ8 KQ54 K5

1S-2NT-3D-4S

4S is sign off

b) AQJ54 K63 8 A432

KT76 QJ8 A765 K5

1S-2NT-3D-4C-4H-4NT-5C-6S

4C is a control (ace or king) in clubs and some slam interest

4H is a control (ace or king) in hearts and some slam interest

4NT is keycard Blackwood

5C is 0 or 3 key cards

c) AKJ43 K65 8 AJ87

QT65 AQJ7 754 KQ

1S-2NT-3D-3H-4C-4NT-5C-6S

3H and 4C are cue bids showing controls and slam interest

4NT is keycard Blackwood

5C is 0 or 3 key cards

d) AKJ43 K65 8 AJ87

QT65 754 AQJ7 KQ

1S-2NT-2D-4S

4S is a sign off due to the QJ of diamonds are probably useless and this hand is now only worth 11 HCP. Opener may bid again with a maximum hand (18+ HCP) knowing that responder does have 4 trumps and an opening bid.

e) 74 AJ765 7 AQT76 A62 KT92 A762 K4

1H-2NT-4C-4NT-5H-6H

4C shows a good second 5 card suit

4NT is keycard Blackwood

5H is 2 keycards without the trump Queen

6H is slam based on good fit with the king of clubs in partner's second suit. If that club king were the king of diamonds, say slam would not be nearly as good.

f) A6 KT654 A65 A62 K542 AQJ8 9 KQJ2

1H-2NT-3NT-4NT-5D-7H

3NT shows 15-17 HCP with no shortness

4NT is keycard

5D shows 1 or 4 keycards

7H is known to make (2 spades, 5 hearts, 1 diamond, 4 clubs, and 1 ruff in short trump hand=13)