

Jacoby 2NT Rebids

Once you have opened one of a major and partner responds 2NT (Jacoby 2NT) you know that partner has at least 4 card support and has enough points for game. What should you do next?

Your first obligation is to show partner your distribution. A new suit bid at the 3 level shows shortness in that suit (singleton or void). A new suit at the 4 level shows a good second five card suit (and thus some singleton or void).

Without a short suit you have 3 options as follows:

- a) minimum hand (11-14 HCP) rebid 4 of your major
- b) middle hand (15-17 HCP) rebid 3NT
- c) maximum hand (18+ HCP) rebid 3 of your major

This follows the principle of once you are forced to game, the more you bid the less you have. The reason for this convention is to discover singletons after you have a fit for the purpose of slam bidding when you have less than normal HCP. Examples:
Partner open 1S with K5432 A87 9 KQJ3 You have the following: AQ87 KQ3 543 A42 These two hands make a slam.

Partner opens 1S with K5432 A87 9 KQJ3 You have the following: AQ87 876 KQ7 A43 These two hands have no chance for slam.

The reason one makes slam and the other does not is the singleton. When partner's singleton is opposite your suit with 3 small cards, you know the opponents have 10 HCP in the suit but only 1 trick. When partner's singleton is opposite your KQ7

you know that you have 5 HCP but a sure loser. If you had A72 instead you would have no losers even though you have less in terms of HCP.

Example: AQ654 K87 A54 76

opposite: K732 AQ7 832 KQ2

The bidding should be 1S-2NT(Jacoby)-4S (no shortness with minimum)-P

Example: AQ654 K87 A975 7

opposite: K732 AQ7 832 KQ2

The bidding should be 1S-2NT(Jacoby)-3C (shortness)-4S (no slam)-P

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opposite: K732 AQ7 KQ2 832

The bidding should be 1S-2NT(Jacoby)- 3C (shortness)- 3H (control in Hearts and slam interest)- 4D (control in Diamonds and cooperating)- 4NT-5S (2 keycards and the Queen of Spades)- 6S.

Example: AQ654 KJ42 K5 AJ

opposite: K732 AQ7 832 KQ2

The bidding should be 1S-2NT(Jacoby)-3NT (18+ HCP with no shortness)- 4NT- 5S (2 keycards with the Queen of Spades)-6S-P