

# Jacoby Two No Trump Convention

Forcing Major-Suit  
Raise

# The Basics (1)

- The Jacoby 2 no trump convention is a forcing major-suit raise.
- It is commonly used in Standard American 5-card major system and in the two over one bidding system.
- The convention is on **only** when a player, in first or second seat, opens 1 ♥ or 1 ♠.
- The responder initiates the convention with a bid of 2 nt.

# The Basics (2)

- The 2 no trump bid announces that the responder has: (Must be alerted)
  - Four-card or better support for the opener's major suit.
  - An opening hand of at least 12 or 13 points with no upper limit.
  - The bid announces that the partnership has game values and that the opener's major suit is likely to be the trump suit. .
  - Neither partner may pass until game is bid

# The Basics (3)

- The convention is off when:
  - The responder is a passed hand.
  - The opener's LHO overcalls or doubles

# Opener's Response (Alertable)

- 1 ♠ ...pass...2nt...pass??
  - 3 ♣ Singleton or void in clubs
  - 3 ♦ Singleton or void in diamonds
  - 3 ♥ Singleton or void in hearts.
  - 3 ♠ No shortness, extra values, 17+ points, usually 6 spades. Slow arrival
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# Opener's Responses

- The opener bids a second 5-card suit at the four level.

Opener

Responder

1 ♠

2nt

4 ♦ Shows a second 5 card diamond suit

Opener

Responder

1 ♥

2nt

4 ♣ Shows a second 5 card club suit

North

♠ A K 8 4 3

♥ A J 9 2

♦ J

♣ Q 9 8

South

♠ Q J 5 2

♥ K Q

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ J 4 3

North

1 ♠

3 ♦

4 ♥

South

2 nt

4 ♦

4 ♠

Ex. 1



North

♠ Q J 8 4 3

♥ A Q 4

♦ A 10

♣ 7 5 2

South

♠ A K 9 6 3

♥ K 8 2

♦ K 6 2

♣ A Q

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

5 ♠

South

2 nt

4 nt

6 ♠

Ex. 2

North

♠ Q J 8 4 3

♥ A Q 4

♦ A 10

♣ 7 5 2

South

♠ A K 9 6 3

♥ K 8 2

♦ K 6 2

♣ Q 3

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

South

2 nt

pass

Ex. 3

North

♠ 3

♥ A J 10 9 8 5

♦ Q J 2

♣ A K 5

South

♠ J 5

♥ K Q 3 2

♦ A K 6 5

♣ 8 3 2

North

1 ♥

3 ♠

4 nt

6 ♥

South

2 nt

4 ♦

5 ♠

Ex. 4

North

♠ K J

♥ A 10 9 8 5

♦ A Q J 5 2

♣ 5

South

♠ A Q 4

♥ K J 3 2

♦ K 6 3

♣ 8 3 2

North

1 ♥

4 ♦

4 nt

pass / 6 ♥

South

2 nt

4 ♠

5 ♥

Ex. 5

North

♠ K J 10

♥ A K 10 9 8

♦ A Q J

♣ 5 2

South

♠ A Q 4

♥ Q J 3 2

♦ 6 5

♣ A K 6 3

North

South

1 ♥

2 nt

3 nt

4 ♣

4 ♦

4 ♠

4nt

5 ♠

5 nt

6 ♦

6 nt

Ex. 6

# How to Handle Interference

- If the interference comes before the two no trump bid, the convention is off.
  - Two no trump has its standard meaning (11-12 hcp, with a stopper in the opponent's suit.
  - You handle the interference in the way you and your partner have agreed for dealing with interference of an opening bid.

# Interference After the Two No Trump Call

- Usually quite rare.
- How does opener bid? (1 ♥...p...2nt...3 ♣)
  - 4 of the major is a sign off (4 ♥)
  - Pass shows a singleton or void in the opponent's suit.
  - A new suit shows singleton or void in that suit.
  - 3 of your suit (3 ♥) shows a 6-card suit with 17+ points.
  - 3nt shows 17+ points with no shortness. (now necessarily a stopper in the opponent's suit.