

# Fifth Chair



## Some Bridge Abbreviations

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I am continually getting questions about all of the abbreviations on some folks cards, so I decided to write about them.

J2N Jacoby 2NT - this shows a strong raise for partner's opening major suit bid, with 4 trumps, and no singletons or voids. When using this bid, it asks the opener to describe his hand, 3 of any bid other than his trump suit means he has a singleton in the bid suit, a rebid of his own suit means no singleton, but stronger than just an opener. A game rebid of his suit means he is NOT interested in slam.

over NT: "2S=mss" what is mss?

MSS= minor suit stayman - asking partner if they have a 4 card minor over NT for possible slam bidding...

NT: "2N->3C cl signoff or bid stiff in 4-4-4-1 next" - assume this means a 3C bid by NT opener after a 2N response. What is "cl signoff"? cl signoff means I might normally pass your 3c HOWEVER - if "I" continue, my bid shows a singleton in the bid suit, plus a game going hand, and a singleton in that suit. If I have a singleton club, I bid 3NT

Majors: "pjs in comp only"- what is pjs? Preemptive jump shifts - weak bids in competition, only

Weak: "RONF"? Over weak 2's Raise is ONLY NON Forcing bid

Overcalls: "Q=1rd free" - what is Q? Q means cue bid - opponents open 1d partner bids 1h, next opponent passes, and you bid 2d. This is a cue bid of the opponents suit, and is usually made showing a fit for the overcall and asking whether your partner, the overcaller has anything extra, or just his suit.

NT-Over: does this mean a NT overcall? No, this means what one does over the opponents NT - there are many different systems, such as the following:

Cappaletti/Hamilton

DONT - Disturb The Opponents NoTrump

Brozel

Doubles: "Support x and xx -> 2H" - what's this concept? If you open the bidding 1d, next person bids 1h, partner bids 1s, next person bids 2h, X says partner I have 3 card support, but not 4, if over opps X you XX again shows 3 card support for partners suit

Misc: "4SF" ? This means the 4th suit bid, - opponents passing throughout, 1d, 1h, 1s, 2c= 4th suit bid, most folks play this game forcing and you do NOT necessarily have to have 4 cards in it to bid it Partner should NOT raise it without at least 4 card support.

Misc: "capp/nt" ? See above - means cappaletti over opponents NT

DR= limit This refers to the drury convention, a convention used over a third hand major suit opener, to find out whether the partnership belongs in game, and it promises a limit raise in the suit bid by partner.