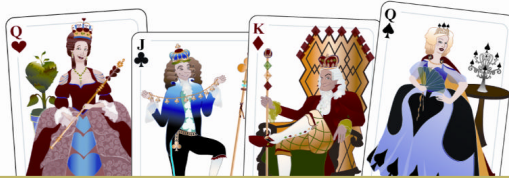


Fifth Chair



JACOBY 2NT

A) General Jacoby 2NT is a bid used by responder, when opener opens with a major suit, in first or second seat. (If opener is in 3rd or 4th seat, it is common to use the Reverse Drury convention.)

B. Definition Jacoby 2NT is simply using 2NT as a game forcing major suit raise. When partner opens 1H or 1S and the next player passes, a jump by you to 2NT shows 13 or more "dummy points" and 4 (or more) cards in partner's suit. (Dummy points, also called support points, are your high card points plus 1 extra for a doubleton, 3 extra for a singleton, and 5 extra for a void).

Examples: In each of the following, partner opens 1S, what is your response?

- i. AKxx xx QJx KQxx 2NT, a perfect Jacoby 2 NT hand
- ii. AKx xx QJx KQxx 2C, you lack 4 spades (trump s)
- iii. AKx xx QJx xxxx 3S, you have a limit raise in spades

C. Responses The most common responses by opener to Jacoby 2NT:

1. With a singleton or void, opener bids that suit. Any other bid except a jump in a new suit denies a singleton or void;

Example: You open 1H, partner responds 2NT, what is your rebid?

- i. Jxx AKxxx x AQxx Bid 3D, showing your singleton.
2. With a minimum opening (~12-14) and no singleton or void, opener jumps to 4 of her suit;
3. With about 15-17 and no singleton or void, opener bids 3NT; **(The 3NT bid only shows point count and that you have no singleton. It does NOT say you want to play the hand in NT.**
4. With about 18 or more, opener bids 3 of her suit; (By the way, in deciding whether your hand is minimum, better, or strong, we count points for length, 1 point for each card in a suit in excess of four.

Examples: You open 1S and Partner responds 2NT, what is your rebid?

- i) KQxxx KJx Kxx xx 4S, you have 13 points
- ii) AQxxx Kxx xx KQx 3NT, you have 15 points

5. We suggest you play that a jump to 4 of a new suit shows a good 5 card second suit. **Your 2nd 5 card suit should have 2 of the top 3 honors.** (However, some prefer to play this as a void in the bid suit. You MUST discuss and agree with your partner.

Example: You open 1H, partner responds 2nt, what is your rebid?

xx AKxxx KQxxx x 4 D showing your 2nd 5 card suit

There are a few people who play different (and sometimes exceedingly complex) responses to Jacoby 2NT. They will all be very convincing in assuring you that their responses are best. Don't worry about them

right now.

Questions related to Jacoby 2NT

Other questions that this causes:

1. What do I do when I have a standard jump to 2NT, i.e. 13-15 high card points without 4-card support for partner? Just bid your best suit

and jump to 3NT (or game in partner's suit) at your next bid.

2. Can I bid 2NT with a singleton? Yes, but if you play splinter bids, your hand will be out of whatever point range you have agreed the splinter would show. (If a splinter sounds to you like something making your finger sore, don't worry about it).

3. Can I play Jacoby 2NT after the opponent overcalls or doubles? A few people do, but we would recommend that the convention be off in competition.

--Quiz Follows--

JACOBY 2NT QUIZ

1. Partner opens 1H, what do you respond playing Jacoby 2NT?

a) xx QJ10x AQx Jxx _____

b) xx QJx AQxx Axx _____

c) xx QJxx AQx Axx _____

2. You open 2S, partner responds 2NT. what is your rebid?

a) AQxxx AQxxx x xx _____

b) AQxxx Jxxxx x AK _____

c) AQxxx Qxx KJx xx _____

d) KJxxx AQx xx KQx _____

e) KQxxx AKx KQJ xx _____

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Answers to Jacoby 2NT

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1a 3H You have a limit raise

b 2D You have enough points for 2nt but only 3 trumps

c 2NT You have 14 points and 4 trumps

2a 4H Show your nice 2nd 5 card suit

b 3D Show your singleton diamond

c 4S You have a minimum opening

d 3NT You have 16 points

e 3S You have 18 points