

# Jacoby 2NT

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Open 1♥/♠, pass, 2NT is Jacoby 2NT.

Meaning: 1). 13+ points

2). 4 card or more trump support for 1♥/♠.

With **overcall**, then Jacoby 2NT is off.

Jacoby 2NT is **off** when responder originally passed. In that situation, 2NT is natural and non-forcing, showing a balanced 11-12 HCP.

Such as 1♠, 2♣, 2NT is not Jacoby 2NT,

1♥, 1♠, 2NT is not Jacoby 2NT, 10-12 points, invitation.

1♣/1♦, pass, 2NT is not Jacoby 2NT. That 2NT is natural and non-forcing, showing a balanced hand with 11-12 HCP.

## Normal Biding

Opener	Responder	Meaning
1♥/♠, pass,	2♥/♠	Single Raise: 3 card support and 6-9 HCP
1♥/♠, pass,	3♥/♠	Limit Raise: 4 card support and 10-12 HCP
1♥/♠, pass,	4♥/♠	Pre-emptive Raise: 5 card support.

Jacoby 2NT fills in the gap for game forcing hand.

## How to follow up on Jacoby 2NT

After the auction begins 1♥/♠ : 2NT, opener's rebids are as follows.

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3♣ Singleton or void in clubs. Bidding 4♣ next would show a void.

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3♦ Singleton or void in diamonds. Bidding 4♦ next would show a void.

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3♥ If ♥ are trumps, then this rebid shows 16+ points with slam interest. It asks responder to describe his hand further.

If ♠ are trumps, then this shows a singleton or void in hearts. Bidding 4♥ next would show a void.

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3♠ If ♠ are trumps, then this rebid shows 16+ points with slam interest. It asks responder to describe his hand further.

If ♥ are trumps, then this shows a singleton or void in spades. Bidding 4♠ next would show a void.

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3NT 14-15 points, balanced. The point range varies by partnership agreement. Oswald Jacoby originally wrote that 3NT required "a trifle" more than a minimum.

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4♣ Good quality 5+ clubs (two of the top three or three of the top five honors).

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4♦ Good quality 5+ diamonds (two of the top three or three of the top five honors).

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4♥ If ♥ are trumps, then this rebid shows a minimum balanced hand (12-14 points). It is a signoff.

If ♠ are trumps, then this shows good quality 5+ hearts.

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4♠ If ♠ are trumps, then this rebid shows a minimum balanced hand (12-14 points) without shortness or Slam interest. It is a sign off.

**1). A 4 level response in a NEW suit shows a good quality 5 card suit. For example opener held:**

♠ A Q 10 7 3 ♥ 5 ♦ K Q J 6 2 ♣ Q 6, the auction would be 1♠ pass 2NT pass 4♦.

Yes you do have a singleton heart and you could rebid 3♥ to show it. But telling partner about the nice diamonds is more important. So 4♦ is the better bid.

**2). A 3 level rebid in a new suit shows a singleton or void in that suit (5431, or 5440).**

1♠ pass 2NT pass; 3♦ 3♦ rebid shows a singleton or void in diamond. This may help with a possible slam bidding if Responder has more than 13+.

**3). A 3NT rebid shows a sound opening (14-15 HCP) without shortness (5332). If paly match-point game, this can be passed since play NT is 10 point more for the same tricks taken.**

**4). jumping to 4♥/♠ : shows a minimum opening hand without shortness or slam interest.**

Such as 1♠, pass, 2NT, 4♠. Hand may like: ♠ A Q J 4 3 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ K 6 3

5). Rebidding 3 of the major shows slam interest and typically denies shortness. It also requires good 16 or more HCP. With a hand such as;

♠A3 ♥AKQ753 ♦J7 ♣A74, open 1♥ pass 2NT pass; 3♥ is the rebid to show a strong hand without shortness.

## The Priority of Opener's Rebids

Many of the above bids overlap. For example, opener might have 5-5-2-1 shape with 12 points. Should she bid the side suit, show the singleton, or simply jump to game?

Generally speaking, the priority of responses is:

1. Showing a 5-card side suit.
2. Showing a singleton or void.
3. Bidding 3NT with balanced 14-15 points.
4. Jumping to 4 of the agreed major with 12-14 points.
5. Bidding 3 of the agreed major with 16+ points and no other suitable call.

## Example

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Opener	Responder
♠AK943	♠QJ62
♥A832	♥KQ
♦J	♦A852
♣T97	♣Q63

Opener	Responder
1♠ (1)	2NT (2)
3♦ (3)	4♦ (4)
4♥ (5)	4♠ (6)
Pass (7)	

1. 12+ points and 5+ spades
2. Jacoby 2NT showing 13+ points and 4+ spades - game forcing!
3. A diamond singleton or void
4. First-round diamond control
5. First-round heart control
6. A willingness to stop in game, implying concern about the club suit. With a club control, responder would have bid 4♣ instead of 4♦.
7. Opener does not have anything extra to show, and is satisfied with game.

# In Competition

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Jacoby 2NT is off when the opponents intervene over 1♥/♠. In that situation, a 2NT bid by responder is commonly used as a limit raise.

**Important points to remember:**

**Jacoby 2NT requires 4 card supports, with only 3 card support, you cannot bid 2NT. You have to bid 2 of the minor first, and then raise the major next round. ( 2 over 1 game forcing).**