

Jacoby 2NT ("Original")

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Most tournament players use "Jacoby 2NT" in conjunction with their 5-card major system. After an opening of 1-MAJ, a jump to 2NT is conventional. It promises a GF hand and at least 4-card support.

This convention should *not* be used by a passed hand and should *not* be used if there is interference by the opponents. I can't warn you enough how important it is when employing *any* convention to cover this vital issue (on by PH?--on in comp?).

In the "original" (most popular, still) version of this convention, this is the schedule of rebids for the opener after the Jacoby 2NT reponse:

4 of the trump suit=minimum, no shortness

3 of the trump suit=non-minimum, no shortness

3 of a new suit = shortness (singleton or void)

3NT=varying ways to play this (usually shows 5-3-3-2 -- and the partnership needs to discuss the HCP range).

4 of a new suit = good side 5-card suit (some people instead use this to show a void)

At any point, by either player, bidding 4-of-the-major which was opened is always the weakest (sign-off) action. Other bids after the Jacoby 2NT and opener's rebid are control-bids.

INTERFERENCE:

As stated above, this convention is never on if they interfere *after our 1MAJ opening*. However, we do need to cope if they interfere *after the 2NT response*:

Opener's double = Shortness in suit doubled.

Opener's new suits = natural or a control.

3NT = Balanced Maximum (Ace or King in their suit).

Opener's Pass = Nothing special--flat hand, could be 5x3x2 awful after which, responder's.

X=penalty/

Opener's jump to 4M = dead minimum, but 6x3x2.