

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ JACOBY 2NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

What is Jacoby 2NT?

Game-forcing raise to 2NT over partner's opening of 1 of a major - **ALERTABLE**
 Promises 4 cards in support and opening hand
 (If a splinter bid is available, that takes precedence.)
 Allows descriptions of hands for slam potential

Responses showing support of a major opening:

Raise to 2 – 6-9, 3 card support
 Raise to 3 – 10-12, 4 card support
 Bid 2NT – 13+ and 4 card support

IN COMPETITION:

Jacoby 2NT is off. After interference double over 1H/1S, 2NT commonly means a limit raise (Jordan 2NT).

★ OPENER'S SECOND BID

Bids at the 3-level (shortness)

New suit at 3-level – shows a singleton or void
 Rebid of major suit – 17+ and slam interest
 3NT – 14-15 balanced hand

Bids at the 4-level (length)

New suit at the 4-level – shows 5+ in the suit
 (Long suits take priority over singletons/voids)
 Rebid of major suit – weak hand sign-off

★ RESPONDER'S NEXT BIDS

Control bids – suits indicate first-round control
 If opener has rebid the suit, 4NT is always ace-asking

Example

Opener	Responder
♠AK843	♠QJ52
♥A932	♥KQ
♦J	♦A862
♣T98	♣Q53

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

1. 1♠ shows 12+ points and 5+ spades
2. 2NT shows 13+ points and 4+ spades - game forcing!
3. 3♦ shows a diamond singleton or void
4. 4♦ shows first-round diamond control
5. 4♥ shows first-round heart control
6. 4♠ shows a willingness to stop in game and implies the club suit as a concern. With a club ace or void, responder would have bid 4♣ instead of 4♦.
7. Pass shows that opener does not have anything extra to show, and is satisfied with game.

1. 1S ?

♠K J 6 3

♥A 8

♦A J 9 4

♣8 5 3

2. 1S ?

♠A Q 9 4

♥A 6

♦A 9 5 4

♣A K J

3. 1S ?

♠A 7

♥K Q 7

♦J 10 8 3

♣K J 10 7

4. 1S ?

♠K Q 7

♥Q 10 8

♦K J 3

♣Q J 8 4

5. 1S ?

♠A Q 8 3

♥4

♦A 5

♣A K J 9 7 4

6. 1S 2NT ?

♠K Q J 9 5

♥A 5

♦K Q 4

♣Q 5 3

7. 1S 2NT ?

♠K J 7 4 2

♥3

♦A 5 3 2

♣K Q 5

8. 1S 2NT ?

♠K Q 7 6 3

♥Q 3 2

♦K J 4

♣Q 3

9. 1S 2NT ?

♠J 9 7 6 3

♥A K 4

♦A 4

♣K J 5

10. 1S 2NT ?

♠K Q 7 5 3 2

♥--

♦A Q 10 8 4

♣K 4

1. 2NT
2. 2NT
3. 2C
4. 2C
5. 2N or 3C
6. 3S
7. 3H
8. 4S
9. 3NT
10. 4D