

Jordan (Truscott) 2-No-Trump Convention

The “**Jordan 2-NT**” Convention is an artificial convention utilizing a “**2-NT**” response to Partner’s opening of one-of-a-suit (**1C**, **1D**, **1H**, or **1S**), used only in a competitive auction subsequent to an Opponent’s **Take-Out Double**. It shows a limit-Raise, 10-12 HCP’s or better; i.e., 8-Losers or fewer, and support for Opener’s suit. Having this artificial bid to show a Limit-Raise frees a Jump-Raise in Opener’s suit to be pre-emptive in compliance with “**THE LAW OF TOTAL TRICKS.**” Subject to Partnership agreement, the “**Jordan**” Convention can be used in situations where Partner has opened a Major suit, or a Minor suit, or both.

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1H	Double	“2-NT”	

Note: The “**Jordan 2-NT**” bid can also be employed in bidding sequences when the Opener is in a position to re-bid when the new suit of his/her responding Partner is “*doubled*” by the third hand Opponent, as seen in the following auction:

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1D	Pass	1S	Double
“2-NT”			

For Clarification Purposes, The Following Is A Short Summary:

<u>Opener</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>Responder</u>	
1H	Pass	2H	Shows 6-9 Support Points and at least 3-card support.
		♠ 73	
		♥ Q76	
		♦ J9843	
		♣ K97	
1H	Double/1S/2C/2D	2H	Shows 6-9 Support Points and at least 3-card support.
		♠ 3	
		♥ Q764	
		♦ J9843	
		♣ K97	

<u>Opener</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>Responder</u>	
1H	Double	“2-NT” ♠ 5 ♥ KJ86 ♦ KT94 ♣ AT87	“Jordan 2-NT” - shows 10-12 or more Support Points in support in Hearts, in this instance. (A Limit-Raise or Better)
1H	Double/1S/2C/2D	“3 –NT” ♠ A76 ♥ 86 ♦ AQ94 ♣ KJ87	Shows 13-15 (Game Values) <u>absent support</u> for Partner’s suit.
1D	Double/1H/1S/2C	3D ♠ 3 ♥ K865 ♦ J9874 ♣ KT6	Fewer than 9 Support Points and 5-card support in Diamonds. (A Preemptive-Raise)

Note: Some Partnerships, by agreement, have altered meanings for the “Jordan 2-NT” and 3-NT responses to Partner’s opening of one-of-a-suit followed by a competitive Take-Out Double overcall. They are as follows:

- “2-NT” = Support for Opener’s suit with a Limit-Raise, or better in strength.
- “3-NT” = Opening count with lack of support (fewer than 3-pieces) for Opener’s suit.