

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). It shows a limit-Raise, 10-12 HCP’s or better; i.e., 8-Losers or fewer, and support for Opener’s suit. It is only used in a competitive auction subsequent to an Opponent’s Take-Out Double. Having this artificial bid to show a Limit-Raise frees a Jump-Raise in Opener’s suit to be pre-emptive according to “THE LAW OF TOTAL TRICKS”. Subject to Partnership agreement, the “Jordan” Convention can be used in situations where Partner has opened a major or a Minor.

| <u>South</u> | <u>West</u> | <u>North</u> | <u>East</u> |
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| 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 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 | |

| <u>Opener</u> | <u>LHO</u> | <u>Responder</u> | |
|---------------|-----------------|--|---|
| | | ♥ Q764 ♦ J9843 ♣ K97 | |
| 1H | Double | “2-NT” ♠ 5 ♥ KJ86 ♦ KT94 ♣ AT87 | “Jordan 2-NT” - shows 10-12 or more Support Points in support in Hearts. (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:

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