



**Presents:**

# **Jacoby 2 No - Trump**

The **Jacoby 2 No – Trump** convention is a very useful gadget that provides several advantages to those who play it. It is a **game forcing major suit raise** that shows the following:

- 13 or more points
  - Note these points can include extra values for distribution, because....
- It also shows at least 4 card support for the major suit that partner opened.

This bid provides several advantages:

1. It **forces the partnership to game.**
2. It **immediately establishes the trump suit.**
3. Includes an excellent response structure...
  1. Which allows us ample room to explore the possibility of slam.

This gadget may not come up that frequently but when the stars align this can be the difference between a good score and a great score.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	scubapro
	1♠	Pass	

Robot

E E

A J 6 5 2 A 8 7 4 2 A 4 8  
 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♦

S ♣ scubapro 7

Here we meet the requirements well for a Jacoby 2NT bid.

1. 13+ Total Points
2. 4+ cards in the spade suit.

Now the opener has a simple response structure to go through.

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### Reminder:

Don't forget to include your distribution when you are evaluating your hand. Remember you have a guaranteed 9 card major suit fit.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	scubapro
Pass	1♠ 3♥	Pass	2NT

Robot

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A J 6 5 2 A 8 7 4 2 A 4 8  
 ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♦

S ♣ scubapro 7

Now partner has a **response structure** available. We both know we are playing spades so, any new suit takes on a special meaning....

### 3 LEVEL

#### NEW SUITS:

- 3 C = 1 OR 0 CLUBS
- 3 D = 1 OR 0 DIAMONDS
- 3 H = 1 OR 0 HEARTS

#### 3 SPADES:

- EXTRA VALUES (15+)
- NO SHORTNESS

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

Pass 2NT Pass 1♠

### 4 LEVEL

#### NEW SUITS:

- 4 C = GOOD 5+ SUIT
- 4 D = GOOD 5+ SUIT
- 4 H = GOOD 5+ SUIT

#### 4 SPADES:

- MINIMUM HAND (11-14)
- NO SHORTNESS

## RESPONSES TO JACOBY 2NT

### 3 LEVEL

#### NEW SUITS:

- 3 C = 1 OR 0 CLUBS
- 3 D = 1 OR 0 DIAMONDS
- 3 S = 1 OR 0 SPADES

#### 3 HEARTS:

- EXTRA VALUES (15+)
- NO SHORTNESS

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

Pass 2NT Pass 1♥

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### 4 LEVEL

#### NEW SUITS:

- 4 C = GOOD 5+ SUIT
- 4 D = GOOD 5+ SUIT
- 4 S = GOOD 5+ SUIT

#### 4 HEARTS:

- MINIMUM HAND (11-14)
- NO SHORTNESS

Back to our hand.... Here partner is showing us shortness in hearts.(remember shortness is a singleton or a void). This is great news for our hand as it looked like we had quite a few heart losers. We should consider slam now, but we also don't want to rush.

**We still both now we are playing spades, so... any new suit now will show a CONTROL** in the suit we bid.

- For ease of use in your partnership you should start by just bidding your 1<sup>st</sup> round controls up the line.
- So whenever we may want to explore slam after partner's response we can make a control bid to further the conversation.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	scubapro
	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	

  

A♠	J♠	6♠	5♠	2♠	A♥	8♥	7♥	4♥	2♥	A♣	4♣	8♦
S	♠	♣	♦	♠	♥	♣	♦	♠	♥	♣	♦	7♦

robot

E E

So deciding to continue our investigation we bid **4 clubs**. Which says we have 1<sup>st</sup> round control in the club suit.



## Let's talk more about controls:

Bidding a **1<sup>st</sup> round control** means that the first time someone leads **this suit** you can take the trick. So the two types of first round controls are: an **Ace or a Void** in the suit you are bidding. Bidding a control always **shows interest in slam**.

We **bid our controls** in an **up the line** fashion, meaning: We always make our lowest available bid to show a control.

The screenshot shows a bridge bidding interface. At the top, a bidding table is displayed with columns for WEST, NORTH, EAST, and scubapro. The bidding sequence is as follows:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	scubapro
	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	

Below the bidding table, the hand for player 'scubapro' is shown. The hand consists of the following cards: A♠, J♠, 6♠, 5♠, 2♠, A♥, 8♥, 7♥, 4♥, 2♥, A♣, 4♣, 8♦, and a void in ♠. The player's name 'scubapro' and a score of 7 are visible at the bottom of the hand display.

**Note:** We could also bid **4 hearts** to show a control but this **would deny** our **club Ace** because we could bid clubs at a lower level than hearts.

Here is the full deal. After we showed our interest in slam and a control in clubs, our partner correctly guessed to bid 6 SPADES!!

Well done Mr. Robot.

**Next time** we will find even more ways to get to slam with **I430 Keycard**.

**Bidding Board 1**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	scubapro
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Pass		Pass	

**North (Robot):** K♠ 10♠ 9♠ 7♠ 4♠ 3♠ Q♣ 8♣ 7♣ 6♣ A♦ K♦ J♦

**West (Robot):** 8♠ K♥ Q♥ J♥ 9♥ 6♥ 3♥ 9♣ 2♣ Q♦ 9♦ 7♦ 4♦

**East (Robot):** Q♠ 10♥ 5♥ K♣ J♣ 10♣ 5♣ 3♣ 10♦ 6♦ 5♦ 3♦ 2♦

**South (scubapro):** A♠ J♠ 6♠ 5♠ 2♠ A♥ 8♥ 7♥ 4♥ 2♥ A♣ 4♣ 8♦

**Board:** 6♠ N (Robot) Remove

**Score:** 7 6♠ N NS 0 EW 0

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