Jacoby 2NT

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Time for a Joke

A guy bursts through the door and rushes up to the bar in a frenzy and yells, "Bartender, 10 whiskeys, please! Line 'em up!"

The bartender tries to calm him down and asks what's going on, and he replies, "Never mind that. Just line 'em up!"

The guy slams down all 10 whiskeys in sequence and says, "10 more! Line 'em up!"

He slams these down as well. Before he can demand a third round, the bartender says, "Hey buddy, I'm not serving you another drop until you tell me what's wrong. Maybe I can help."

The guy says "Dude, you'd do the same thing if you had what I have!"

The bartender replies, "Oh no! What do you have?"

The man answers, "About 32 cents."

New Partner?

When you're discussing what you play with a new partner, the key elements fall into a simple chart:

	Pre-empt	Minimum Response (6-9)	Invitational	Game Forcing
MAJORS	1S-P-4S	1S-P-2S	1S-P-3S	Jacoby 2NT
MINORS	Inverted Minors	Inverted Minors	Inverted Minors	Inverted Minors

Today's topic.

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A passed hand needs 2NT to show 11-12 HCPs and no support for partner.

All this means is that **if you're not a passed hand,** and your partner opens (not overcalls) one of a major (1♥ or 1♠), and your RHO passes, jumping to 2NT is a **game forcing** convention that asks opener to describe his hand:

1H	Pass	2NT*

1S	Pass	2NT*

If an opponent bids, Responder can cue bid their suit to show 11+ and support.

Using Jacoby 2NT shows your partner 12⁺ HCPs and (generally) 4⁺ major suit support.

If opener has a **singleton**, he bids that suit at the 3 level, no matter his strength:

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
???			

3C*

North	♠KQ2 ♥QJ653 ♦AJ53 ♣9

No matter the HCPs, opener would bid a **void** at the 3 level and then again at the 4 level:

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3C*	Pass	3D	Pass
???			

4C*

North	♠KQ62 ♥QJ653 ♦AJ53 ♣ ---

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Rebidding if you're flat.

If opener has no singletons or voids, **Fast Arrival** applies (the higher he bids, the less he has):

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
???			

4H*

North	♠KQ2 ♥QJ653 ♦A73 ♣95

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
???			

3NT*

North	♠KQ2 ♥AQJ53 ♦A73 ♣95

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
???			

3H*

North	♠AK2 ♥AQJ863 ♦A3 ♣95

Opener:

23
22
21
20
19
18   18-21
17
16
15   15-17
14
13
12   12-14
11
10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1

The Concept of Fast Arrival

FAST ARRIVAL is used when you are declaring the final STRAIN, or when the final STRAIN is already known.

In a GF auction, no jump shows extra values.

A jump shows no extra values.

1)

	North	East	South	West
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
3H	2NT	Pass	???	

South	♠84 ♥AQJ ♦AQ8753 ♣A3

2)

	North	East	South	West
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
4H	2NT	Pass	???	

South	♠84 ♥AQ2 ♦KQJ1032 ♣73

FAST ARRIVAL means in a game forcing auction, the higher you bid, the less you have.

3)

	North	East	South	West
	1S	Pass	2H*	Pass
4H	???			

North	♠A7542 ♥KQ3 ♦83 ♣K42

4)

	North	East	South	West
	1S	Pass	2D*	Pass
2S	2H	Pass	???	

South	♠AK4 ♥J75 ♦AQJ1062 ♣J

**3H = I have extra values.
Followed by 4H = but I only have a little extra values.**

5)

	North	East	South	West
	1S	Pass	2H*	Pass
4H	2NT	Pass	???	

South	♠4 ♥AQJ10842 ♦Q5 ♣K64

6)

	North	East	South	West
	1H	Pass	2D*	Pass
	2S	Pass	3H	Pass
4H	3S	Pass	???	

South	♠64 ♥KQ3 ♦KQJ832 ♣KJ3

3S = a control showing bid (A♠ or K♠) and some interest in slam.

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YES, THAT'S MY FINAL ANSWER!

Fast Arrival also applies to the responder:

Responder:

	18+
23	
22	
21	
20	
19	
18	
17	15-17
16	
15	
14	12-14
13	
12	

"I'm a minimum or didn't like your shortness suit. Carry on at your own risk."

4H*

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3C*	Pass	???	

South ♠K62 ♥QJ53 ♦A5 ♣KJ43

"I have extras. I'm still interested in slam. Tell me more."

3D

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3C*	Pass	???	

South ♠A2 ♥QJ53 ♦AKQ75 ♣73

"I have no secondary suit, but I'm still interested in slam. Are you?"

3H*

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3C*	Pass	???	

South ♠AKJ ♥KJ53 ♦A5 ♣743

Then opener can show a minimum by arriving fast to 4H.

Time for Another Joke

Jet Blue Airlines goes to land for the first time at Des Moines, Iowa, International Airport.

Upon approach, the pilot says, "Wow! This runway is very short. We'll need full flaps and air brakes."

The co-pilot replies, "Aye, aye, sir!"

The pilot says, "When we touch down, I'll need full reverse throttle."

The co-pilot nods.

The plane touches down on the numbers! With all the smoking wheels and reverse engines, it makes a horrendous noise, skidding and swerving until it comes to a halt JUST SHORT OF THE GRASS.

The pilot says, "Wow! That's the shortest runway I've ever seen!"

The co-pilot looks out both windows and says, "Yeah, but did you ever see one so wide?"
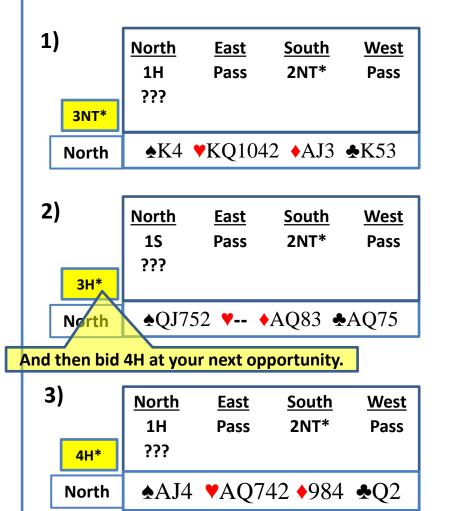
Practicing Jacoby 2NT

"You didn't practice last night, did you?"

1)

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
???			

3NT*

North	♠K4 ♥KQ1042 ♦AJ3 ♣K53

2)

North	East	South	West
1S	Pass	2NT*	Pass
???			

3H*

North	♠QJ752 ♥-- ♦AQ83 ♣AQ75

And then bid 4H at your next opportunity.

3)

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
???			

4H*

North	♠AJ4 ♥AQ742 ♦984 ♣Q2

4)

North	East	South	West
1S	Pass	2NT*	Pass
???			

3C*

North	♠AQ854 ♥KJ7 ♦7642 ♣K

And then bid 4S at your next opportunity.

5)

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
???			

3H*

North	♠AK3 ♥Q5432 ♦K92 AQ

6)

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	2NT*	Pass
???			

4NT*

North	♠3 ♥AK6432 ♦2 ♣AKQJ2

Go right to Blackwood and ask for aces.

Playtime