

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>
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	

♥ 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. (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	Fewer than 9 Support Points and 5-card support in Diamonds. (A Preemptive-Raise)

♠ 3

♥ K865

♦ J9874

♣ KT6

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 Overall. 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.