

What is Your Agreement?

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Super Accept?

Playing strong 1NT=15-17 if partner holds a 5 card major and 9+HCP many bridge players will make the super-accept bid of 3M (over the 2♦*/2♥* Jacoby Transfer bids) to show a 9-card fit with only 4-trumps. Is this wise following the “Law” one needs 10-trumps with invitational values?

Recommendations for the Super Accept bid follow

- (1) With 5+ trumps and 15-17HCP always super accept.
- (2) When partner transfers to hearts and you have a marginal hand with 4-hearts and a doubleton spade

Some recommendations follow:

- (1) Do not super accept holding a hand with 2 quick tricks and Queens and Jacks e.g. ♠Ax ♥QJxx ♦ QJx ♣AJxx.
- (2) Do not super accept with 4333 distributions with 17HCP, instead opener bids 2NT as an invitational bid (no alert). The bid of 3M is too risky.
- (3) Do not super accept with 15/16 HCP with dubious values e.g. AKxx-QJxx-KJx-Qx bid the 3 of the suit with the doubleton (4432/5332).

Opener	Responder
1NT	2♦*
3♦* (SA doubleton diamond)	

Or you may bid 2♠ (one step above the 2♥ Jacoby response).

Opener	Responder
1NT	2♥*
3♥* (SA doubleton heart)	

Here you may NOT bid 2NT=17HCP and 4333 and 4-card support.

Be careful here also because some may use the 2NT bid as the Bell Convention when responding to the Jacoby Transfer bid which shows 17HCP and 3-cards support for the bid major.

Two-Way Drury or Bergen Drury?

When opening a major (1M) in the 3rd or 4th seat and partner is a passed hand many partnerships employ the Two-Way Drury convention by bidding 2♣*/2♦* to show a limit raise with 3/4-card support with 10-12HCP and to ask whether partner has a full opener.

The reply of 2♦*= full opening hand and a return to the major by bidding 2M denies a full opening hand. Is this your agreement?

If so, recall that playing Bergen Raises 3♦*=limit raise with 4-card support and with Reverse Bergen 3♣*= limit raise with 4-card support. With either approach you know you have a 9-card fit and you are at a safer 3-level (Pass denies and 3M is invitational bid 4M with 12HCP). **You do not need Two-Way Drury!**

With the 3-level bids the opponents are less likely to enter the auction. This may not be the case if you use Two-Way Drury, which are 2-level bids. Some convention may not be worth adopting.

Or you may consider just using **DRURY** where 2♣* = 3+card support with 10+HCP (since with 6-9 you would bid 2M) and a return to the major 2M, by the opener, denies a full opener.

If you need more information use Lawrence Drury Bids where 2♦* becomes an asking bid:

Over 1♥ - 2♣* - pass

2♦*	diamonds or game interest and asks partner to describe his hand
2♥	drop dead bid please pass
2NT*	Jacoby GF
3NT	Pick game of 3NT or 4♥ with no slam interest
2♠/3♣/3♦3♥	Natural GF
4x	Splinter bids GF

Over 1♠ - 2♣* - pass

2♦*	diamonds or game interest and asks partner to describe his hand
2♥	Natural and a full opener
2♠	drop dead bid please pass
2NT*	Jacoby GF
3NT	Pick game of 3NT or 4♥ with no slam interest
2♠/3♣/3♦3♥	Natural GF
4x	Splinter bids GF