

Modified Jacoby 2N

Standard Jacoby 2N doesn't handle this situation very well: responder has big hand (17-19 hcp) and opener has simple opener (12-15hcp). After this sequence: 1M – 2N – 4M, responder still wants to investigate slam. If partner has only 12-13, merely investigating may get you too high.

What to do?

Change 3-level splinter bids as follows:

3C – the only “weak” bid, 12-15 hcp. All other 3-level bids are 16+ with slam interest

1H – 2N

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Opener's options:

- 3C 12-15 hcp, no slam interest
- 3D Diamond splinter
- 3H No splinters
- 3S Spade splinter
- 3N Club splinter**
- 4C 5-card Club suit, AKxxx, AQJxx, KQJxx
- 4D 5-card Diamond suit, AKxxx, AQJxx, KQJxx
- 4H not possible, use 3C!
- 4S 5-card Spade suit, AKxxx, AQJxx, KQJxx

Over 3C response, responder shows no slam interest by bidding 4H. Any other bid shows “big hand” and slam interest.