

New Bidding Conventions in Bridge Baron 20

Soloway Jump Shifts

After your partner opens the bidding in a suit at the one-level and your RHO passes, a jump-shift response into a new suit shows one of three types of hands: 1) A five-card suit, 18-19 High Card Points, and a balanced hand. 2) A six-card or longer suit, good enough to play opposite a singleton, and 17 or more Total Points. 3) A good five-card or longer suit, with 17 or more Total Points and support for partner's opening suit (four-card or longer support if partner opened a minor, or three-card or longer support if partner opened a major).

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Over the opponent's 1NT opening bid: double shows a hand with either a single-suited minor or both majors; a 2C overcall shows a 5-card or longer club suit and a four-card or longer major; a 2D overcall shows a 5-card or longer diamond suit and a four-card or longer major; both a 2H overcall and a 2S overcall are natural, showing a single-suited hand; and a 2NT overcall shows both minors with at least 5-5 distribution. All Meckwell overcalls show 11 or more Total Points and 8 or more High-Card Points.

Lebensohl After A Reverse

When you are responder and your partner has reversed, your 2NT bid is an artificial relay bid showing a hand with less than game-forcing strength. After your partner has reversed, you should bid 2NT with the following hand types: 1) 6 or fewer Total Points and a known eight-card major suit fit with partner. 2) 8 or fewer Total Points and four-card support for a minor suit shown by partner. 3) 8 or fewer High Card Points and a six-card or longer suit of your own. 4) 8 or fewer High-Card Points without a known fit and without a stopper in the unbid suits, on a hand planning to take a preference to partner's first suit.