

## Truscott 2NT, also known as Jordan 2NT

The Truscott (or Jordan) convention is a bid of 2NT after partner has opened 1♥/♠ and RHO has doubled. A natural 2NT bid (if you play it as natural) is not needed (redouble with a balanced 9+ points) and so the 2NT bid is 'spare'.

Consider the three hands A, B and C below, partner has opened 1♠.

If there is no intervening double then we bid: -

Hand A: 3♠, invitational  
Hand B: 2NT\* (or 2♣ if your 2NT bid is conventional)  
Hand C: 2♠, 6-9 points.

But if RHO doubles, then things are different. With a weakfish hand containing 4♠'s we want to pre-empt; with a natural 2NT bid we redouble and hope to get a huge penalty. So we use 3 of partner's major as pre-emptive. Then what do we do with 'limit raise' (about 11 points) support for partner but a hand unsuitable for a redouble (say very weak in the other major)? The answer is to play Truscott 2NT. Playing Truscott, after partner's 1♠ opening and a double from RHO we bid these hands differently: -

Hand A: 2NT, Truscott, showing a limit raise in ♠'s.  
Hand B: redouble, showing 9+ points and usually a mis-fit for partner.  
Hand C: 3♠. Pre-emptive. make it difficult for them to find their ♥ fit.

Hand A	Hand B	Hand C	
♠ AQ64	♠ 102	♠ QJ103	
♥ 964	♥ AQ6	♥ 76	
♦ Q76	♦ Q762	♦ 762	
♣ KJ4	♣ KJ94	♣ QJ42	
3♠	2NT*	2♠	Bid with no Interference
2NT	redbl	3♠	Bid after a double

It is possible to play Truscott 2NT after an overcall, but that is by no means standard and would have to be agreed.