

# Cuebids and Unusual Bids

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## Unusual Notrump

Definition: Partner is out of the auction and opponents have bid. It is a jump in notrump by a nonpassed hand or simplest notrump by a passed hand showing 5-5 or longer (Not 5-4).

<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	1♣	2NT	P			P	P
3♦	All Pass			P	1♣	1NT	P
				2♦	All Pass		

As in cuebids, it shows 5-5 and mini-max points. *Mini is less than opening and Maxi is more than 16.*

## Sandwich Notrump

Opponents bid two suits, partner is a passed hand and player bids notrump showing 5-5 in the unbid suits. It may be 5-4, but the hand will be stronger.

<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	1♣	P	1♠			2♠	2NT
1NT	P	2♦		P	3NT	All Pass	

## 2NT over opponent's weak two

Two Principles:

When weak, eat up the bidding room of opponents

Never weak over weak.

2NT shows a strong 1NT opener with probably two stoppers.

## Cuebids and Unusual Review

Q: Why not 5-4 or 4-4?

A: Partner may have 2-2 or worse and pick the 4 card suit. It may be better to defend with 5-4.

Q: Partner overcalls 1♥ with 2NT and you bid 3♣. Opponent bids 3♥ and partner bids 4♣. What is his strength?

A: 16HCP +

Q: Partner is ignoring your cuebid or unusual notrump and picks his own suit. What is his hand like?

A: His suit should be AKxxx with shortness in partner's suits. 2NT asks partner to bid the second cuebid suit and a new suit is to play.

Q: The auction goes:

<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
	1♣	2♣	P
2♠	3♣		

What should East have to bid on?

A: 16+. Like doubles, if a cuebid or unusual notrump is made, bidding on shows a strong hand after a simple response. These are "Say Your Piece" Bids.