

Kickback Blackwood

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Kickback:

4 of trump suit plus 1.

What is the Kickback suit?

- Agreed suit. Set trumps when you can.
These are not Kickback as natural has priority
1♦ 4♥
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- Your own suit when you cannot set it as trump
1♠ 2♥
2♠ 4N RKC Hearts since you can set spades with 3♠
- Strong jump shift suit
- Last bid suit

Keycard Ask:

1♥	2NT		
4♠	4NT	1 st step	0 or 3 keycards Do not make a slow signoff-decide if it is 0 or 3
	5♣	2 nd step	1 or 4 keycards Signoff and partner will bid on with 4 (slow sign-off)
	5♦	3 rd step	2 wo Queen
	5♥	4 th step	2 with Queen

1430 is not needed as Kickback gives the needed room for the Queen Ask.

Queen Ask (Over 1st or 2nd step):

1♥	2NT	
4♠	4NT	1 st step 0 or 3 keycards
5♣	5♥	no ♥ Queen
	6♥	♥ Queen and no Kings
	5♦	♥ Queen and ♦ King
	5♠	♥ Queen and ♠ King not ♦ King
	5NT	♥ Queen and ♣ King, not ♦ King, not ♠ King

Specific King Ask:

1♥	2NT	
4♠	4NT	1 st step 0 or 3 keycards
5♠		Asking for specific kings
		Promises all keys and invites 7
	5NT	♠ King
	6♣	♣ King but not ♠ King
	6♦	♦ King but not ♠ and ♣ Kings

Third Round Control Ask:

Higher than king ask requests 3rd round control (6 suit=none, 6N=Qx 7suit=xx, 7ask=QJxx)

1♥	2NT	
4♠	4NT	
6♣	6♥	no ♣ 3 rd round control
	6N	Qx or Qxx or Qxxx, Honour (Queen) control
	7♣	QJxx
	7♥	doubleton-shortness control

1♥	2NT	
4♠	4NT	0 or 3 keycards
5♠	5NT	King of ♠'s
6♣	6♥	no ♣ 3 rd round control
	6N	Qx or Qxx or Qxxx, Honour (Queen) control
	7♣	QJxx
	7♥	doubleton-shortness control

Showing all the keycards

Asking for Specific Kings

Asking for third round control in a suit

Void Showing:

Don't do it.

Competition over kickback

DOP1:

X	0 or 3
P	1 or 4
1 st step	2 wo the Queen
2 nd step	2 with the Queen

1♥	P	2NT	P	
4♠	Dbl	P		Pass denies 2 nd round ♠ control Rdbl re-asks
		Rdbl		Key card 0314
		5♣		1 or 4 keycards with 2 nd round or better ♠ control
				FASC-fast action shows control

1♥	P	2NT	P	
4♠	P	5♣	Dbl	
Rdbl				do you ♥ Queen
Pass				do you have ♣ control
		Rbl		control but no ♥ Queen
		5♥		no control
		Other		control + ♥ Queen plus specific King or side Queen if King impossible??

Regular Blackwood (0-4, 1,2,3)

1 any	4N	
2 any	4N	
3 any	4N	
Opening 4N		Specific ace ask
4N	5♣	none
	5N	♣Ace
4N	5♣	
5B		to play

After ace shown, 5B (5 banana) asks for that ace.

1 st step	No
2 nd step	Yes

References:

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