

RESPONDER'S JUMP RESPONSES

In response to Partner's opening bid of one-of-a-suit, Partnerships have available the option to permit Responder to show either a *strong jump-shift response* (19 or more HCP's with or without a predominance of any one suit), else a *weak jump-shift response* showing (2-5 HCP's with a long one-suited holding). Both are accepted and used, but, naturally, are mutually exclusive. Partnerships need to decide, therefore, which of the two they will utilize!

WEAK JUMP-SHIFT RESPONSES

Typically, *Weak Jump-Shift Responses* by a Responder evidence a pre-emptive 2-5 HCP's (a KQ holding or less; i.e., fewer HCP's necessary to respond 1-NT), with a 6-card suit at the 2-level (Example 1), or a 7-card suit at the 3-level (Example 2). In the case of all preempts, vulnerability is important to consider. With unfavorable vulnerability, do not make a weak jump-shift without a decent suit quality. Weak jump-shift responses by a Responder deny any support for the suit bid by Opener. By Partnership agreement, such bids can be made in a competitive auction as seen in Example 2. *Weak Jump-Shift Responses by a Responder are alertable.*

<u>North</u> 1C	(1)	<u>North</u> 1S	(2)
	<u>East</u> Pass	<u>East</u> 1H	<u>West</u> 3D
<u>South</u> 2S	(KJXXXX XX XXX XX)		(X XX KQXXXXX XXX)

Note: This treatment is off when any of the conventional higher jump-shift responses are used, including a *Splinter Bid* which is a convention for responding to a one-of-a-suit opening with a 4-card or greater fit, game-forcing strength (13+ points), and singleton (not an Ace), or a void in the *Splinter Suit* (Example 3).

<u>North</u> 1H	(3)	<u>West</u> Pass
<u>South</u> "4D"	(AJX KJXX X AXXXX)	

STRONG JUMP RESPONSES

Typically, *Strong Jump-Shift Responses* by a Responder evidence a 19 or more HCP holding (Example 4), are natural, and by inference, are game-forcing, as well as invitational to slam. Responder should **NOT** make a strong jump-shift response when holding, (1) A two-suited or three-suited hand, (2) A weak suit (missing 2 or more top honors), or (3) A very strong, balanced hand (20+ HCP's). **Note:** A jump-response into a No-Trump call is not considered synonymous with strong suit jump-shift responses. Over a Major suit opening by Partner, a 2-NT bid shows 13-15 HCP's (natural, conventional Jacoby or Multi-Purpose 2-NT), or 11-12 HCP's if bid over a Minor suit opening by Partner (Example 5).

<u>North</u> 1H	(4)	<u>North</u> Pass	(5)
	<u>West</u> Pass	<u>East</u> 1D <u>or</u> 1H	<u>West</u> 2-NT <u>or</u> 3-NT
<u>South</u> 3D	(AJX KJ AKXXXX AX)		