

Unusual NT

Unusual NT is a cue-bid that promises a two-suited hand, with at least five cards in each suit. There is no point minimum for making an Unusual NT overcall, although obvious factors like vulnerability should be considered.

Unusual NT promises at least a 5-card holding in each of the two lowest unbid suits regardless of the opener's suit. (1m/1M/1NT – 2NT)

Many players use point ranges for Unusual NT to exclude 11-15 HCP and bidding that point range normally.

Unusual NT is not used over Artificial Bids (i.e. Precision, Flannery, Mini Roman, Strong 2♣).

Lastly, when responder has equal length in the partner's two suits, it is recommended to bid a major if that option exists; else bid the cheaper suit (leaving room to change suits if doubled by opponents) rather than purely focusing on honors.

Examples of Unusual NT:

Bidding	Typical Meaning
1♣ > 2NT	Shows 5 Hearts and 5 Diamonds (or more).
1♦ > 2NT	Shows 5 Hearts and 5 Clubs (or more).
1♥ > 2NT	Shows 5 Diamonds and 5 Clubs (or more).
1♠ > 2NT	Shows 5 Diamonds and 5 Clubs (or more).

Bidding	Typical Meaning
1♦ > P > 1NT > 2NT	Shows 5 Hearts and 5 Clubs (or more). Since partner has already passed, more care should be given to point count and vulnerability.
1NT > 2NT	Shows 5 Diamonds and 5 Clubs (or more).
1D > 2NT > P > 3♠	Partner indicates a long/strong holding in Spades and no interest in partner's suits.

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