

# FOUR NO TRUMPS

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When is 4NT natural?

Possible answers

- Raise of 1NT opening; raise of 2NT opening; raise of any rebid in notrump; raise of 1NT overcall; raise of natural 2NT overcall.
- No suit has been agreed and there is room to agree suits below game. Typically this occurs in fourth-suit auctions, e.g. 1♠-2♥-3♣-3♦-4NT
- We agree a minor, then bid a non-forcing 3NT.
- The opponents open four of a minor.
- The opponents open four of a minor, partner doubles for takeout.
- The opponents open at the three level and we overcall four of a minor.

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How do you continue over a natural bid of 4NT (e.g. 1NT-4NT)?

Possible answers

- Show aces, just in case (in minor-suit auctions, respond to KCB)
- Bid four-card suits upwards
- Bid five-card suits only (or jump to six of a minor with a six-card suit)
- Combine the above in some way (e.g. by bidding 5♣ as Blackwood, and using 5NT to show clubs in either of the “natural” schemes)
- If 4NT was a natural overcall, use Stayman / transfers / 5NT pick a slam