

Practise RKCB (3014)



Hand: 1 Dealer: South Vul: None				South ♠ A 6 5 4 ♥ A Q 9 7 3 2 ♦ 10 7 ♣ 2
West	North	East	South	
			1♥	
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥	
Pass	4NT	Pass	?	
Hand: 2 Dealer: South Vul: None				South ♠ 8 7 ♥ J ♦ A J 4 3 ♣ K Q 9 6 5 2
West	North	East	South	
			1♣	
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣	
Pass	4NT	Pass	?	
Hand: 3 Dealer: North Vul: None				South ♠ K Q J 4 3 ♥ A J 7 6 ♦ A K ♣ 10 2
West	North	East	South	
	1♣	Pass	1♠	
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥	
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♠	Pass	?	
Hand: 4 Dealer: South Vul: None				South ♠ A Q 9 7 4 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ K Q 10 2 ♣ A
West	North	East	South	
			1♠	
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♦	Pass	?	
Hand: 5 Dealer: North Vul: None				South ♠ A Q 7 5 ♥ K J 8 6 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ A 4
West	North	East	South	
	1NT	Pass	2♣	
Pass	2♦	Pass	?	

Answer: 5♠

We don't have anything to spare for our opening bid, but we must trust that partner knows what he is doing. We have 2 key cards and the 4NT bid is assumed to agree hearts, so we show our ♥Q by bidding 5♠. This says nothing about our spades. We would bid 5♠ if our ace was in our diamond suit rather than in spades.

Answer: 5♠

Partner's 4NT is assumed to agree clubs, so we need to take account of both of our club honours. Our 5♠ response shows 2 key cards (♦A and ♣K), together with ♣Q.

Answer: 6♥

Partner's 5♠ is showing ♥Q and two key cards, either two aces or ♥K and one ace. Only one key card is missing so we bid the small slam.

Answer: 5♠

Partner's 5♦ bid shows one key card), i.e. either ♠K or an ace, but not both. At best slam is on the trump finesse. At worst we're missing two aces. We therefore sign off in 5♠.

Answer: 4NT

With 19 points, we probably want to be in 6NT opposite a maximum 1NT opening. With no agreed suit (2♦ is not a natural bid), a bid of 4NT in this situation is a natural invitation to 6NT, not RKCB.

Hand: 6 Dealer: South Vul: None				South ♠ 4 ♥ Q J 7 4 ♦ A K Q 8 6 ♣ K 8 6
West	North	East	South	
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦	
Pass	4NT	Pass	3♥	
			?	
Hand: 7 Dealer: North Vul: None				South ♠ 2 ♥ K 9 7 6 2 ♦ A K 9 5 ♣ K Q 7
West	North	East	South	
	1♣	Pass	1♥	
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♥	Pass	?	
Hand: 8 Dealer: North Vul: None				South ♠ A 5 4 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ A Q J 4 ♣ 10 9 6
West	North	East	South	
	1♥	Pass	2♦	
Pass	3NT	Pass	?	
Hand: 9 Dealer: South Vul: None				South ♠ A K J 6 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ K Q 9
West	North	East	South	
			2NT	
Pass	4NT	Pass	?	
Hand: 10 Dealer: South Vul: None				South ♠ Q 7 4 ♥ 6 4 ♦ 9 7 3 ♣ A K 9 5 3
West	North	East	South	
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦	
Pass	5♥	Pass	?	

Answer: 5♦

With only one ace and lacking the king of the agreed trump suit, we bid 5♦ to show one or four key cards.

Answer: Pass

We have two key cards and partner has two key cards and no ♥Q. We might miss a borderline slam if partner's hearts are as good as ♥AJ10x, but it is likely that there are four hearts missing and will split Qxx-x. Playing teams a slam might be worth a shot but in pairs the percentage action is to pass.

Answer: 4NT

In this sequence, a raise of 3NT to 4NT is natural and quantitative, not RKCB. Partner's 3NT traditionally shows 17-19 points. If partner has 19 points, 6NT could be a good contract.

Answer: Pass

A raise of 1NT or 2NT to 4NT is normally natural and quantitative, not RKCB. With a minimum 20 points, we're happy to reject partner's invitation to 6NT.

Answer: 6♣

Partner's 5♥ (next suit up) is asking whether we hold the trump queen. We give a positive response by bypassing 5♠ and bidding 6♣ to show the ♣K, in case partner is thinking about a possible grand slam. .

Hand: 11 Dealer: North Vul: None				North ♠ A 9 7 6 4 2 ♥ 9 ♦ K Q J 2 ♣ A K
West	North	East	South	
	1♠	Pass	3♠	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥	
Pass	?			

Answer: 6♠

Only one key card is missing. We are unable to ask about whether partner has the trump queen because 5♠ (next suit up) would be a signoff but are not unduly worried about this because the partnership has at least ten spades and the probability of the outstanding trumps splitting 3-0 is quite low. If partner does not have the trump queen it is highly likely to fall when trumps are drawn.

Hand: 12 Dealer: West Vul: None				South ♠ Q 6 ♥ Q 8 7 3 2 ♦ K Q 6 ♣ J 10 2
West	North	East	South	
3♦	Dbf	Pass	4♥	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦	
Pass	5NT	Pass	?	

Answer: 6♦

Our jump to 4♥ shows 9+ points. Partner has a huge hand including all five key cards and the trump queen, and is looking for a grand slam. Partner is asking us for non-trump kings. 6♦ shows ♦K and denies the ♣K.

Hand: 13 Dealer: South Vul: None				South ♠ Q 7 4 ♥ K 4 ♦ 9 7 3 ♣ A J 10 5 3
West	North	East	South	
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠	
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦	
Pass	5♥	Pass	?	

Answer: 6♠

We have shown one key card (♣A) and North's 5♥ is asking whether we have the trump queen (♠Q). If we did not have it we would have signed off in 5♠, but as we DO have it we know the contract should will be at least 6♠. Instead of bidding 6♠ we can show our heart king along the way by bidding 6♥. There is an outside chance that this will help partner who might be thinking about a grand slam.

Hand: 14 Dealer: North Vul: None				South ♠ 7 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ A K 7 5 4 2 ♣ K
West	North	East	South	
	1♠	Pass	2♦	
Pass	2♥	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♥	Pass	?	

Answer: 5♠

North is likely to have five hearts and hearts and her 5♥ bid shows two key cards without the trump queen. With five missing trumps the queen is likely to win a trick and we are missing a key card as well so we sign off at the 5-level. If North had bid 5♠, showing two key cards and the trump queen then we would have bid 6♣ to show our cheaper side suit king, in case partner is thinking about a possible grand slam.