

Playing With (or Against) the BBO Robots

- The BBO Robots play a form of Five Card Majors, with a strong No Trump (15-17).
- They play “2/1” which means that a 2-level response in a new suit to one of a suit is Game Forcing (showing 13+ points).
E.g. 1♠: 2♣
- 1NT response to 1 of a suit shows not 6-9, but 6-12 points and is sometimes called 1NT Forcing.
- The robots play lots of other conventions – but you can click on any bid they make see what it means.
- The Full System is described here:
https://www.bridgebase.com/doc/gib_system_notes.php
<https://tinyurl.com/qrymvp8>

Five Card Majors

- Opening 1♥ or 1♠ promises a FIVE Card suit
- Opening 1♣ or 1♦ may only be a Three-card suit.
- If your hand is not suitable for 1NT (15-17):

♠ XXX	♠ XXX	♠ XXXX
♥ XX	♥ XXXX	♥ XXXX
♦ XXXX	♦ XXX	♦ XXX
♣ XXXX	♣ XXX	♣ XX
1♦ - with 4 in each minor	1♣ - With 3 in each minor	1♦ - with 4432 distribution

Bidding with balanced hands			
Basic Acol		Standard American/Robot	
12-14	Open 1NT	12-14	Open 1 of a suit and then rebid No Trump at the lowest level available.
15-16	Open 1 of a suit rebid No Trump at the lowest level.	15-17	Open 1NT
17-18	Open 1 of a suit rebid No Trump, jumping a level.	18-19	Open 1 of a suit and then rebid No Trump, jumping a level.
19	Open 1 of a suit, rebid 3NT		
20-22	Open 2NT	20-21	Open 2NT
23-24	Open 2♣, rebid 2NT if partner responds 2♦	22-24	Open 2♣, then rebid 2NT if partner responds 2♦

Some example hands that show how to play with the Robots

<https://tinyurl.com/y9qxa14q> - 15-17 1NT

<https://tinyurl.com/yaaq61z5> - How to open a balanced 12-14

<https://tinyurl.com/yb78cypw> - 1S:1NT Forcing (6-12)

<https://tinyurl.com/yaynbjwx> - Jacoby 2NT

<https://tinyurl.com/y9dvyf9g> - Jump shift is invitational 9-11 pts with a 6+card suit