

Blackwood: Use and Misuse

- Used when you have the combined values for a slam, but want to check you are not missing two aces before bidding a small slam
- Three Common Mistakes:
 - Used when you are not sure you have the values for a slam.
 - When you have the values for a slam, stopping at the 5 level if you are missing just one ace.
 - Bidding 5NT to ask for kings after 4NT even if you are missing an ace.

West (12pts)	East (18pts)
♠ Q 9 2	♠ A K 3
♥ A Q 10 9 6	♥ K J 8
♦ A 7	♦ K Q J 10 8 2
♣ 10 9 3	♣ J
	1♥ 2♦
	2♥ 4NT
	5♥ 6♥

West (19pts)	East (4pts)
♠ A K Q 10 9 6	♠ 8
♥ K Q J 9 5	♥ 10 7 6 3
♦ A	♦ 7 6 4
♣ 4	♣ A 10 9 8 6
	2♣ 2♦
	2♠ 3♣
	3♥ 4♥
	4NT 5♦
	6♥ P

West (12pts)	East (21pts)
♠ A 10 7 6	♠ K Q 4
♥ K J 10 6	♥ A 4
♦ A 7 6	♦ Q J 10 9 5
♣ 7 2	♣ A K Q
	1NT 6NT

West (12pts)	East (19pts)
♠ A 10 6	♠ K Q 9
♥ K 10 6 4	♥ A Q J
♦ Q 10 5	♦ K J 9
♣ K 7 2	♣ Q J 10 9
1NT	4NT ?
5♦	???

4NT in direct response to 1NT or 2NT is NOT Blackwood, but is invitational to 6NT (quantitative).

West (12pts)	East (19pts)
♠ A 10 6	♠ K Q 9
♥ K 10 6 4	♥ A Q J
♦ Q 10 5	♦ K J 9
♣ K 7 2	♣ Q J 10 9
1NT	4NT
P	

West (14pts)	East (19pts)
♠ A 10 6	♠ K Q 9
♥ K 10 6 4	♥ A Q J
♦ A 10 5	♦ K J 9
♣ K 7 2	♣ Q J 10 9
1NT	4NT
6NT	P

West (20pts)	East (11pts)
♠ A K 6	♠ Q 10 4
♥ Q 10 5	♥ A 9
♦ A Q 10	♦ K J 6 3
♣ K Q 7 2	♣ J 10 9 5
2NT	4NT
P	

West (21pts)	East (11pts)
♠ A K 6	♠ Q 10 4
♥ K 10 5	♥ A 9
♦ A Q 10	♦ K J 6 3
♣ K Q 8 7	♣ J 10 9 5
2NT	4NT
6NT	

West (12pts)	East (19pts)
♠ 10 4 3	♠ A K
♥ A 9	♥ K Q J 10 8 5
♦ K J 6 3	♦ 9
♣ A 8 5 2	♣ K Q J 9
1NT	3♥
3NT	4NT
5♥	6♥
P	

West (12pts)	East (19pts)
♠ 10 4 3	♠ A K
♥ A 9	♥ K Q J 10 8 5
♦ K J 6 3	♦ 9
♣ A 8 5 2	♣ K Q J 9
1NT	2♦
2♥	4NT
5♥	6♥
P	

Quantitative 4NT

- 4NT is Blackwood, EXCEPT in direct response to an opening 1NT or 2NT
- 1NT(12-14) : 6NT shows 21+, so
- 1NT(12-14) : 4NT shows 19-20
- 2NT (20-22) : 6NT shows 13+, so
- 2NT (20-22) : 4NT shows 11-12