

6-CARD RKC BLACKWOOD OR RKC GERBER (Minorwood)

Double fits often make slam very likely with much less than the usual 32+ HCPs worth of strength. Sometimes these double fits are found at very high levels because of intervention by opponent's bidding. At other times partner shows a strong two suited hand with a high level bid. A problem can arise when the partnership has no opportunity to establish the trump suit prior to asking for KeyCards of Aces. The common practice of having 4NT RKC Blackwood or RKC Gerber establish the last bid suit as trump is not a sensible option in such circumstances. Sometimes it is even desirable to search for KeyCards in both suits prior to establishing the trump suit at the slam level. Searching for slams in circumstances like these require special methods.

When two suits are at issue the King and Queen of both suits are shown in the RKC response. There are 6 Key Cards: The 4 Aces and the two kings. In addition, you can also show which Queen(s) you have or do not have when you have exactly 2 Key Cards.

These are the 1430 Rebids when using 6 KeyCard 4NT:

- 5C (First Step) = 1 or 4 KeyCards.....says nothing about Queens.**
- 5D (Second Step) = 0 or 3 KeyCards....says nothing about Queens.**
- 5H (Third Step) = 2 or 5 KeyCards.... With neither Queen.**
- 5S (Fourth Step) = 2 or 5 KeyCards....With the LOWER ranking Queen.**
- 5NT (Fifth Step) = 2 or 5 KeyCards...With the HIGHER ranking Queen.**
- 6C (Sixth Step) = 2 or 5 KeyCards... With BOTH Queens.**

Other bids in Steps are used when different RKC asking bids are used.

If Partner shows 1-4 or 0-3 KeyCards by bidding 5C or 5D, the next cheapest non-trump suit bid asks for Queens. Step Responses show the queens.

- 1st Step: No Queens**
- 2nd Step: Lower Ranking Queen**
- 3rd Step: Higher Ranking Queen**
- 4th Step: Both Queens**

6-card RKC is applicable if a two-suited hand has been shown.

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