

MODIFIED FLANNERY FROM JACK FORREST

2D: Shows 11-15, at least 5 hearts (could be 6) and 4 spades.

2H (to play)

2S (to play)

2NT (asks opener further to describe his hand)

3C (shows 3 or 4 clubs and a singleton or void in diamonds)

3D (shows 3 or 4 diamonds and a singleton or void in clubs)

3H (shows 6 hearts)

3NT (asks opener further to describe his hand)

4C (shows **2 or 3** clubs and a singleton or void in diamonds)

4D (shows **2 or 3** diamonds and a singleton or void in clubs)

3S (shows a minimum hand with 4-5-2-2 distribution)

3NT (shows a maximum hand with 4-5-2-2 distribution)

3C (shows slam interest, sets hearts as trumps and asks opener further to describe his hand)

3D (shows 3 or 4 diamonds and a singleton or void in clubs)

3H (shows 6 hearts)

3S (shows a minimum hand with 4-5-2-2 distribution)

3NT (shows a maximum hand with 4-5-2-2 distribution)

4C (shows 3 or 4 clubs and a singleton or void in diamonds)

3D (shows slam interest, sets spades as trumps and asks opener further to describe his hand)

3H (shows 6 hearts)

3S (shows a minimum hand with 4-5-2-2 distribution)

3NT (shows a maximum hand with 4-5-2-2 distribution)

4C (shows 3 or 4 clubs and a singleton or void in diamonds)

4D (shows 3 or 4 diamonds and a singleton or void in clubs)

3H (pre-emptive, not invitational)

3S (pre-emptive, not invitational)

3NT (to play)

4H (pre-emptive or to play)

4S (pre-emptive or to play)

A corollary to this more sophisticated version of Flannery is that, if opener bids 1H and responder bids 1S, the 1S response promises 5 spades. This corollary does not apply in traditional Flannery, which compels a player to open 1H (and not 2D) if he holds 4-6 in the majors and responder to bid 1S (even with only 4 spades) in an effort to find a 4-4 spade fit.