

# Redwood & Voidwood

## WHEN REDWOOD APPLIES

Redwood is a variation of Blackwood and is used specifically over **minor suit agreement**. The purpose of Redwood is to save space so that responder's keycard response does not carry us past our minor suit game. Bidding one over your minor at the 4-Level is Redwood. Two common examples of Redwood are the following auctions:

### North

♠ K J 5  
♥ A 10  
♦ A Q J 10 3  
♣ A 9 4

North	South	
1♦	3♦	Limit Raise
4♥		Redwood

### South

♠ A 4  
♥ K 5 4  
♦ K 9 6 5 4  
♣ 6 3

### North

♠ K 6 4  
♥ A 5 4 3  
♦ A K 4  
♣ Q 6 5

North	South	
1NT	3♦	Slam try in ♦s
3♥		♥ Cuebid setting ♦s
	4♥	Redwood

### South

♠ A 5  
♥ K Q 2  
♦ Q J 10 9 5 3  
♣ K 3

## Responses to Redwood

Responses to Redwood are 3014. You may show or ask for queens as well as specific kings. The advantage of Redwood is that you get to stay a level lower and there is the opportunity to sign off in a minor if too many keycards are missing. Not playing Redwood players risk reaching slam off 2 Key Cards.

## VOIDWOOD (EXCLUSION BLACKWOOD)

A slam-related Jump bid, usually to the five level, after the partnership has found a trump fit. The Jump Suit shows a void, similar to a splinter bid and demands partner respond Key Cards. In most situations, the void suit is bid at the 5 level – one past a splinter bid or game.

All step responses show number of aces outside the void suit.

- Step 1 0-3 Key cards outside the void suit
- Step 2 1-4 Key cards outside the void suit
- Step 3 2 Key cards without the trump queen outside the void suit
- Step 4 2 Key cards with the trump queen outside the void suit

1♣	1♥	
3♥	5♦	Voidwood
5N		2 aces

2♣	2♦	
2♥	5♣	Voidwood
5♥		1 ace

1♠	2♥	
5♣		Voidwood
	5♦	0 aces