

Acol 2

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1 First bids

- Responder shows only their very solid suit (4 out of 5 top honours).
- In any other case use $2\diamond$ – positive (4+HCP or king) or $2♥$ – negative (3-, no king).
- After positive response, opener bids 2NT with balanced hand or their suit (with unbalanced hand only).
- Opener bids $2♥$ as a Kokish relay (heart suit or balanced 25+, see: Kokish relay)

$2♣$ opening = 23+ HCP or 9.5 winning tricks

$2♣$ – ?

- $2\diamond$ = positive 4+, **GF**
- $2♥$ = negative 3-
- $2♠, 3♣, 3\diamond$ = own suit 5+
- 2NT = own suit ($♥$) 5+

$2♣$ – $2♥$
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- PASS = good $♥$
- $2♠$ = NAT (5+), **F1**
- 2NT/ $3♣$ / $3\diamond$ = **NF**

- $3♥ = \text{NAT } (5+), \text{ GF}$

$2♣ - 2♥$

$2\text{NT} - ?$

System as after 2NT opening, except non-**GF** transfers: $3♦, 3♥$ force $3♥, 3♠$.

$2♣ - 2♦$

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- $2\text{NT} = 23-24, \text{ BAL}$
- $2♥ = \text{Kokish relay}$ (see: Kokish relay)
- $2♠, 3♣, 3♦ = 5+, \text{ BAL}$
- $3♥, 3♠, 4♣, 4♦ = \text{agreeing suit}$

$2♣ - 2♦$

$2\text{NT} - ?$

System as after 2NT opening

$2♣ - 2♦$

$2♠ - ?$

- $2\text{NT} = \text{no fit, relay}$
- $3♠ = \text{fit}$

$2♣ - 2♦$

$2♠ - 2\text{NT}$

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- $3♣ = 5♠ + 4♦$
- $3♦ = 5♠ + 4♥$
- $3♥ = 6+♠$
- $3♠ = 5♠ + 4♣$