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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♦ 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♣ - ?

- $2 = \text{positive } 4+, \mathbf{GF}$
- 2 = negative 3-
- $2\spadesuit$, $3\spadesuit$, $3\spadesuit$ = own suit 5+
- 2NT = own suit () 5+

2 - 2

- PASS = good \forall
- 2 = NAT (5+), F1
- $2NT/3 \clubsuit/3 \spadesuit = NF$

• $3 \lor = NAT (5+), GF$

 $2\clubsuit-2\blacktriangledown$

2NT - ?

System as after 2NT opening, except non-GF transfers: $3 \blacklozenge$, $3 \blacktriangledown$ force $3 \blacktriangledown$, $3 \spadesuit$.

2 - 2

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- 2NT = 23-24, BAL
- $2 \nabla = \text{Kokish relay}$ (see: Kokish relay)
- $2\spadesuit$, $3\spadesuit$, $3\spadesuit = 5+$, BAL
- $3 \checkmark$, $3 \spadesuit$, $4 \spadesuit$, $4 \diamondsuit$ = agreeing suit

2 - 2

2NT - ?

System as after 2NT opening

2 - 2

2♥ - ?

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

2 - 2

2 - ?

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

2 - 2

 $2 \checkmark - 2 \spadesuit$

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- 2NT = 5 + 4
- 3 5 + 4
- 3**♦** = 6+**♥**

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$$3 = 5 + 4$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{2} - \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{2} - \mathbf{2NT} \end{array}$$

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- $3\clubsuit = 5\spadesuit + 4 \spadesuit$
- $3 \blacklozenge = 5 \spadesuit + 4 \blacktriangledown$
- 3♥ = 6+**♠**
- $3 \spadesuit = 5 \spadesuit + 4 \clubsuit$