

2♣ Force Game opening

The 2♣ opening in this system always shows a strong hand, which can be one of three types:

- Balanced (23+ HCP) → Strong NT-like hands. Please Note we have Mutli strong opening
- One-Suiter (9+ tricks in a suit) → A long, strong suit (♠/♥/♦/♣).
- Two-Suiter (at least 5-5 wild shape, very strong) → Highly distributional hands.

In case of Wild distributions (2 and 3 cases) we have only 4 losers in the hand. And Wild distributions are most common for this opening

Responder's Responses – Control Showing

The responder answers in “Controls” (Aces = 2, Kings = 1) instead of traditional step responses.

Responder's Bid Control Points Meaning

- 2♦ 0 or 1 Controls Weak hand, 0-1 Aces/Kings
- 2♥ 2 Controls At least 2 Kings or 1 Ace
- 2♠ 3 Controls Any combination adding to 3 (1 Ace + 1 King)
- 2NT 3 Controls 3 Kings

And this is rare but possible in a wild distribution:

- 2NT 4 Controls 2 Aces or 1 Ace + 2 Kings
- 3♣ 5 Controls 3 Aces, or 2 Aces + 1 King
- 3♦+ 6+ Controls 3+ Aces, or 2 Aces + multiple Kings

Opener Bid:

- 2NT - 23 + PC Balanced, Stayman transefrs
- 3♣, 3D, 3H 3S - Single wild suited
- 3NT - Any Wild 55, Minimax bidding
- 4♣ - Wild 64+ in minor, =4♣
- 4♦ - Wild 64+ in minors, =4♦
- 4♥ - Wild Two suiters in Majors, preference ♥
- 4♠ - Wild Two Suiters in Majors, preference ♠

Everything else goes in a natural order

2♦ Multi

It means we have:

- Weak block in one of Majors
- 22-23 Plain

Answers

A partner bids in a Minimax way - guessing the suitable level for a weak opening.

Except

2NT - is a game force and ask for a suit.

Answers:

3♣/♦ = shortness, Singleton

3♥/♠ = Natural

3NT - 22-23 Plain, obviously it's a Slam bidding started transfers, Stayman etc., Blackwood

Opener's rebid

Bid NT if he has 22-23 balanced

Or bids a major suit at the lowest level if a partner didn't guess

2♠/2♥/2NT CRASH 5-5

Of course, when we vulnerable, it should be more safe and preferably High Cards spread in two suits.

2♥ – 5-10 PC and 5-5 of the same Color (♥♦)

2♠ – 5-10 PC and 5-5 of the same Rank (♠♥ or ♦♣)

2NT – 5-10 PC and 5-5 of the same Shape (♠♦ or ♥♣)

Usually, a partner bids in a Minimax way.

Non-vulnerable might have a really weak hand and aggressive.

1♣/♦/♥/♠ Overcall

1NT – Raptor Overcall

We have 5 cards in a minor and 4 cards in a major.

- Against 1 Major (1♥ or 1♠) → Shows 5 cards in an unknown minor and 4 cards in the other major.
- Against 1 Minor (1♣ or 1♦) → Shows 5 cards in the other minor and an unknown 4-card major.
- Special case: If both opponents have bid suits, a Raptor overcall shows a 4-card suit in the next higher-ranking suit.

💡 Partner responds in a MINIMAX manner, estimating the best level to bid.

5-5 Michaels Cue Bid

A classic Michaels bid structure:

- 1♣/♦ – 2♣/♦ → Shows 5-5 in the majors (♥♠)
- 1♥/♠ – 2♥/♠ → Shows 5-5 in the other major and an unspecified minor
- 1♥/♠ – 2NT → Shows 5-5 in the minors (♣♦)

1NT Overcall

X At least 5-4 of the same Color (♠♣ or ♥♦)

2♣ At least 5-4 of the same Rank (♠♥ or ♦♣)

2♦ At least 5-4 of different Color but the same Shape (♠♦ or ♥♣)

2♥ Single suit Hearts (♥)

2♠ Single suit Spades (♠)

2NT 5-5 in Minors (♣♦)

A responder answers in a MINIMAX manner.

Carding

- Priority signal on partner's lead: Encouragement/Discouragement
- Discard the lowest card if you like the lead and want a continuation (unless playing a higher card to contest the trick).
- Discard the highest expendable card if you want a switch to another suit.
- Count signals (only when useful to partner):
- Discard the lowest card → Even count (when ruffing, no more than 2!).
- Discard the highest expendable card → Odd count (when ruffing, 3 or more).
- Discard signals when void in the suit (Italian signals):
- Odd-ranking honor → Strength in the discarded suit.
- Even low honor → Strength in the lower of the remaining suits (or neutral).
- Even high honor → Strength in the higher of the remaining suits.
- Suit-preference on ruffs (Lavinthal signal):
- Small card → Request return in the lower remaining suit.
- High card → Request return in the higher remaining suit.