

# WEAK TWO OPENING HANDS

COLORADO FRONT RANGE BRIDGE

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## Who started this?

- ▶ It's not new !
- ▶ Harold Vanderbilt in 1925
- ▶ Strong 2 bids are so rare, better uses for 2D, 2H, 2S bids

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## Goals of Weak 2 Bid

- ▶ Preempt the opponents, opening salvo
- ▶ Burn up bid space
- ▶ Make opponents guess
- ▶ Suggest an opening lead

*Ideally without damaging partner*

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## Rules

- ▶ Bridge teachers disagree
- ▶ Classic writings disagree
- ▶ It's all about partnership agreements

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## The Issues

<b>Suit quality?</b>	<b>Voids?</b>
<b>Suit length?</b>	<b>Point range?</b>
<b>Outside aces?</b>	<b>Vulnerability?</b>
<b>Other 4 card major?</b>	<b>Team vs pair?</b>
<b>Who are the opponents?</b>	

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## Suit quality and length?

**Conservative:**  
 Must have 2 of top 3 honors  
 Always a 6 card suit

**Aggressive:**  
 Often only 1 honor  
 Might be 5 or 7 cards

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## Outside aces, voids

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- Conservative:**  
Often not discussed
- Aggressive:**  
Not more than 1 singleton  
No voids if partner has not bid

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## Other 4 card major

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- Conservative:**  
Often not discussed
- Aggressive:**  
Reluctant if partner has not bid

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## Point range

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- Conservative:**  
6 to 11
- Aggressive:**  
5 to ?

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## Vulnerability

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- Conservative:**  
Often not discussed
- Aggressive:**  
Push if white on red

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## Recommendations

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- ❖ **Tight rules mean fewer preempts**
- ❖ **No "rules" means bad results**
- ❖ **It all goes back to partnership Agreements**

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### Example 1

A Q x x x x  
x x  
J x x  
x x

### Example 2

x x  
K Q J x x x  
Q T x  
x x

### Example 3

Q T x  
x  
A J T x x x x  
x x

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**Example 4**  
**K Q T x x x**  
**A x**  
*void*  
**Q J T x x**

**Example 5**  
**A x**  
**K J T x x x**  
**x**  
**Q T 9 8**

**Example 6**  
**A Q T x x x**  
**Q J x x x**  
**x**  
**x**

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**What would Eddie do?**

**x x**  
**x x**  
**J T 9 8 7 4 3 2**  
**A K**

*You are playing against Eddie Wold, #4 among active players. His partner opens 1C, your next to bid.*

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**Next week... Feature vs Ogust**

**x x**  
**x x**  
**J T 9 8 7 4 3 2**  
**A K**

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