



2 ♠ and 2 NT responses to 1 NT

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Standard responses to 1 NT

1. With 5+ cards in a major suit; any strength: **Red Suit Transfers** - 2 , 2 
2. Otherwise, with 4 cards in either or both Majors; 11+ HCP: **Stayman** - 2 

How are 2  and 2 NT responses used?

1. As a rescue to a Minor:

7+ cards in a Minor; < 7 HCP: 2 NT

2. As a Game invitation:

< 4 cards in either Major; 11 or 12 HCP: 2 

Problem with the Game invitation:

If Opener has 13 HCP, should she **Pass** or bid 3 NT

An alternative approach

Use 2 ♠ for:

- Either** **1) Rescue to a Minor; still with 7+ cards in a Minor and < 7 HCP**
- or** **2) A Game Invitation with exactly 11 cards; < 4 cards in either Major and 11+ HCP**

Use 2 NT for:

A Game Invitation with exactly 12 cards; < 4 cards in either Major and 11+ HCP

Opener's Re-bid

Responder's bid	Opener's strength	Opener's Re-bid
2 NT	12 HCP	Pass
	13 or 14 HCP	3 NT
2 ♠	12 or 13 HCP	2 NT
	14 HCP	3 ♣

Responder's second bid after 2 ♠ first response

Opener's Re-bid	If Responder's 2 ♠ bid was to transfer to a Minor suit	If Responder's 2 ♠ bid was an invitation to Game
2 NT	3 ♣ or 3 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass or 3 ♦	3 NT