

# Ogust

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Ogust is a conventional 2NT response to a weak two bid or weak jump overcall. It is an artificial strong bid, showing 15+ points with interest in game. It usually (but not always) shows trump support. Ogust is a forcing bid for one round. After hearing a Ogust 2NT response, the preemptor's conventional rebids are:

Bid	Meaning
3 ♣	Bad hand (5-7 points) with only one of the top three honors in the preempt suit
3 ♦	Bad hand (5-7 points), two of the top three honors
3 ♥	Good hand (8-10 points), one of the top three honors
3 ♠	Good hand (8-10 points), two of the top three honors
3NT	Good hand (8-10 points), all three top honors

The mnemonic for remembering Ogust responses is "Minors are Minimum, 1-2-1-2-3."

Rebids by the Ogust bidder are natural.

## Examples

Opener	Responder
♠ Q52	♠ AJ
♥ AT9832	♥ K65
♦ T83	♦ J54
♣ 5	♣ AQ987

Opener	Responder
2 ♥ (1)	2NT (2)
3 ♣ (3)	3 ♥ (4)
Pass	

1. Weak two
2. Ogust, asking opener to describe her hand
3. Showing minimum strength with only 1 top honor
4. Responder signs off with a minimum game try

Opener	Responder
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♠ AQJ842	♠ K65
♥ Q4	♥ AJT2
♦ 53	♦ A742
♣ 762	♣ A8
Opener	Responder
2♠ (1)	2NT (2)
3♠ (3)	4♠
Pass	

1. Weak two
2. Ogust
3. Showing maximum strength with 2 top honors

## In Competition

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If Ogust is doubled, the conventional responses are on; after an overcall, they are off. The preempter can double for penalties, pass with a bad hand, or rebid his suit if it is worth it.

## Origins

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Ogust is named for its American inventor, Harold Ogust.