

McKendrick 2♠

Description: *McKendrick 2♠* is a *convention* invoked by responder after partner's 1NT opening bid. It is a multi-function bid that can indicate *intent* for either;

- ❖ An invite to 3NT with precisely 11 hcp
- ❖ Or, a minor suit weak take-out.

Opener will make their re-bid as if it a balanced hand with 11 hcp (i.e. reject or accept the invite to 3NT), but must make an artificial acceptance bid that allows responder to pursue either *intent*!

Opener must **Alert** partner's [2♠(A)] bid; '*Either a balanced hand with 11hcp or a weak minor suit take-out*'. Opener will then either;

- ❖ Reject the invite (with less than 14 hcp) and bid [2NT].
- ❖ Or, accept the invite and bid [3♣(A)] ~ *not 3NT!*

As responder, if your intent was an invite to 3NT, with 11hcp, you either;

- ❖ **[NB]**, when opener bid 2NT
- ❖ Or, alert opener's 3♣ bid '*Relay*' and convert to [3NT]

Otherwise, alert and **sign-off** in your intended (6+card) *weak minor suit* at the 3-level.

Examples Partner (West) has opened a weak 1NT 12-14 hcp.

♠ K 9 7		♠ Q 8 2
♥ K J 6		♥ A 10 3
♦ K 10 7 3 (12)	W N E S	♦ J 6 (11)
♣ Q 8 5		♣ K J 6 4 3

Responder with 11hcp bids **[2♠(A)]**

Intent is a 3NT invite.

Opener, with < 14 hcp, replies **[2NT]**

Responder will **[NB]**

♠ A J 6		♠ Q 9 8
♥ Q J 9 2		♥ A 10 5
♦ Q 10 4 (14)	W N E S	♦ K 8 2 (11)
♣ K J 7 3		♣ Q 9 6 4

Responder with 11hcp bids **[2♠(A)]**

Intent is a 3NT invite.

Opener, with = 14 hcp, replies **[3♣(A)]**.

Responder will convert to **[3NT]**

♠ K 9 7		♠ Q 8 2
♥ K J 6		♥ 10 3
♦ K 10 7 3 (12)	W N E S	♦ J 6 (7)
♣ Q 8 5		♣ K J 9 6 4 3

Responder with 7hcp bids **[2♠(A)]**

Intent is a weak take-out into ♣-suit.

Opener, with < 14 hcp, replies **[2NT]**.

Responder will bid **[3♣]** (sign-off)

♠ K 6 3		♠ Q 8 2
♥ K Q 4		♥ 10 3
♦ Q 10 (14)	W N E S	♦ K J 9 6 4 3 (7)
♣ A 8 5 7 3		♣ J 6

Responder with 7hcp bids **[2♠(A)]**

Intent is a weak take-out into ♦-suit.

Opener, with =14 hcp, replies **[3♣(A)]**.

Responder will bid **[3♦]** (sign-off)

Dealer; West
Vuln; None

♠ K 9 7
♥ K J 6
♦ K 10 7 3
♣ Q 8 5

(12)

♠ A 10 6 3
♥ 9 5 2
♦ Q 9 4 2
♣ A 7

W N E S

♠ Q 8 2
♥ 10 3
♦ J 6
♣ K J 9 6 4 3

(10) (HCP)
(7) (LTC)

♠ J 5 4
♥ A Q 8 7 4
♦ A 8 5
♣ 10 2

(11)

	♠	♥	♦	♣	NT
N	-	-	2	1	-
S	-	1	2	1	-
E	3	-	-	1	-
W	3	-	-	1	-

W	N	E	S
1NT	NB	2♠(A)	NB ¹
3♣(A)	NB	NB(A)	NB

¹South is not likely to bid ♥-suit

W	N	E	S
1NT	NB	2♣ ¹	2♥
NB	3♥	NB	NB

¹Ext. Stayman (minor suit take-out)

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