

Dealing With Opponent's Weak 2 Opening



Why Use Weak 2s?

- One reason is that it interferes with the opponent's auction.
- So, if you are the opponent of a weak 2 bidder, you and your partner need some guidelines for dealing with the damage the weak 2 might have done to your side.
- Whatever you do, you will be taking a risk.
- **There is no perfect bid in bridge.**

Keep in Mind.

- The weak 2 bidder has a weak defensive hand.
- You know about half of the weak 2 bidder's cards.
- If you become declarer,. That can be important information.

Make a 2-Level Overcall

10+ points and a good 5- or 6-card suit

♠ A K J 10 4

♥ 3 2

♦ A 10 5

♣ Q 4 3

♠ K Q 10 9 4 2

♥ 2

♦ A Q 10 5

♣ J 4 3

♠ A Q 10 7 4

♥ K 2

♦ Q J 10 5

♣ 4 3

Pass With:

10+ points and a good 5- or 6-card suit

♠ A K J 10 4

♥ 5 3 2

♦ 10 5

♣ J 4 3

♠ K Q J 9 4 2

♥ 2

♦ 10 5

♣ J 4 3

♠ K J 7 4 2

♥ 5 4 2

♦ A 8 5

♣ 4 3

Make a 3-Level Overcall

You need a hand with opening bid strength

♠ A 8 4
♥ K J 9 3 2
♦ A K 5
♣ Q 3

♠ 2
♥ K Q J 9 5 2
♦ A Q
♣ K 10 9 4

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A J 9 5 2
♦ K 8 4 5
♣ A 3

**Not with
this one!!!**

Advancing Partner's Overcall of Their Weak 2

- You're Sitting West

North	East	South	West
2 ♥	2 ♠	pass	??

- 3 ♠ Simple raise = 7-10 points 3 card support
- 3 ♥ Cue bid = limit raise or better.
- 4 ♠ Raise to game = a minimum level opening hand.

Here Are Some Examples

North	East	South	West
2 ♥	2 ♠	pass	??

♠ A 8 4

♥ 3 2

♦ K 9 6 5

♣ J 10 5 3

3 ♠

♠ A 8 4 3

♥ 3 2

♦ K Q 6 5

♣ Q 5 3

3 ♥

♠ J 8 5

♥ 5 2

♦ K Q 4 5

♣ A Q 9 3

4 ♠

If Partner Overcalls at the 3-Level

North	East	South	West
2 ♠	3 ♥	pass	??

♠ 8 4
♥ A 3 2
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ K Q 10 5

4 ♥

Between 10 points
and opening count

♠ 3
♥ A J 8 3
♦ A Q J 6 5
♣ K 5 3

3 ♠ Solid
opening count
with slam interest

It The Weak 2 is a Minor Suit

North	East	South	West
2 ♦	2 ♥	pass	??

♠ K10 4

♥ A 2

♦ J 5 3

♣ A K 10 9 5

3 ♦ Asks partner
for a no trump
stop

A Jump Overcall is a Good Hand

- Don't preempt and preempt
- A Jump overcall is made with a hand that you would have opened 1-level and made a jump response.

RHO Opens 2♥

♠ A K 10 9 7 4

♥ A 2

♦ 5 3

♣ A K 10

3♠

♠ K Q J 10 9 7 4

♥

♦ A 3 2

♣ A Q 10

3♠

RHO Opens 2 ♠

♠ 4

♥ A K Q 8 5 2

♦ A K J

♣ K 10 9

4 ♥

A No Trump Overcall

- Absolutely a solid stopper in their suit.
- 2 no trump shows a regular no trump overcall.
- 3 no trump shows a running suit and a good hand.
- There are no transfers after a no trump overcall.
- You know what kind of hand partner has. If you have a suit bid it.
- Some like to use 3 ♣ as Stayman, but you have to know where you are going.

Some Examples

- After 2 ♥

♠ Q 9 4
♥ K J 2
♦ A J 10 8
♣ K Q 9

2nt

♠ 9 4
♥ A 10 2
♦ A K Q 10 8 5
♣ A 9

3nt

The Takeout Double

- The same as what you would have to make a takeout double of a 1 bid.
 - Solid opening-bid count.
 - Shortness in the weak 2 suit.
 - At least 3 cards in any unbid major suit.
- Also a hand too strong for a jump overcall should start with a double.

Example of Double Hands

- After 2 ♥

♠ A J 9 4
♥ 8 2
♦ A J 10
♣ K Q 9 6

double

♠ A 9 7 4
♥ 2
♦ K 10 8 5
♣ A J 10 9

double

Example of Double Hands

- After 2 ♥

♠ A K Q J 9 4

♥ A 2

♦ A K 10

♣ K 6

double

♠ A 4

♥ 2

♦ A K Q 10 8 5 3

♣ A K J

3nt

You Might Have a Choice Between a Takeout Double and an Overcall

- After 2 ♥

♠ A 9 7 6 4

♥ 2

♦ K Q 10 4

♣ A Q 6

double

♠ A K J 10 4

♥ 2

♦ A 8 5 3

♣ K 9 5

2 ♠

Responding to Partner's Takeout Double

- After partner doubles their weak two.
 - 0 to 8 points, make the minimum if you can bid at the two level.
 - Some like to luse 2nt as a relay to 3 clubs either pass or bid a suit. (as version of Lebensohl)
 - 9 to 12 points-invitational- bid directly at the 3 level.
 - 12+ points game bid.
 - A cue bid of the opener's suit asks partner to pick a suit.

Responding to Partner's Double

- There is a whole complex set of Lebensohl responses which you might want to look up.