



St Annes Bridge Club

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Higher Level Opening Bids – 2 NT

- Balanced hand 20-22 HCPs
- Limit bid not forcing
- May contain 5 card major

Responses to opening 2NT

- 4+pts balanced or long minor bid 3NT
- 4+pts 4 card major use 3♣ Stayman to find fit
- 4+pts 5 card major bid 3 of major offering choice
- 4+pts 6 card major bid game in major

There is no weak takeout of 2 NT

Your Hand	Partner	Your Rebid
♠ A Q 9	3 NT	Pass
♥ K J 10 4	3 ♣	3 ♥
♦ A 6	3 ♥	4 ♥
♣ K Q J 9	3 ♠	4 ♠

Your Hand	Partner	Your Rebid
♠ A Q J 2	3 NT	Pass
♥ K Q 10 4	3 ♣	3 ♥
♦ A 6	3 NT	4 ♠
♣ K Q J		

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♠ A 9	3 NT	Pass
♥ K J 10	3 ♣	3 ♦
♦ A Q J	3 ♥	4 ♥
♣ K Q J 9 2	3 ♠	3 NT

Your Hand	Partner	Your Rebid
♠ A Q	3 NT	Pass
♥ K Q 10 4 3	3 ♣	3 ♥
♦ A 10 6	3 ♥	4 ♥
♣ K Q 4	3 ♠	3 NT

HAND 1

West

♠ A 2
♥ Q 7 6 4 2
♦ 7 5
♣ 8 6 4 3

3 H

pass

North

♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ K 8 5
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ 10 7

pass

pass

pass

East

♠ K Q J 4
♥ A J 10
♦ J 4 2
♣ A K Q

2 NT

4 H

South

♠ 10 9 7
♥ 9 3
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ J 9 5 2

pass

pass

HAND 2

West

♠ J 8
♥ 8 7 4
♦ J 9 6 4
♣ A 9 4 3

pass

pass

pass

North

♠ A 5 4 3
♥ J 2
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 8 7 6 2

3 C

3 NT

pass

East

♠ K 10 9
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ 10 5 3
♣ J 10 5

South

♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ A K Q
♣ K Q

2 NT

3 H

4 S

pass

pass

pass

pass

HAND 3

West

♠ A 10 5 2
♥ 9 8
♦ J 5 4 2
♣ A 6 5

pass

3 C

3 NT

North

♠ 8 3
♥ Q J 10 6
♦ A 9 8
♣ 8 7 4 2

pass

pass

pass

East

♠ K J 7
♥ A K 5 3
♦ K 10
♣ K Q J 3

South

♠ Q 9 6 4
♥ 7 4 2
♦ Q 7 6 3
♣ 10 9

pass

pass

pass

2 NT

3 H

pass

Higher Level Opening Bids - 2 ♣

- Artificial bid - strongest bid in Acol
- Forcing to game (with one exception)
- 23+pts automatically qualifies
- Fewer points but nearly game playing tricks also qualify

Examples

♠	A K 7
♥	A Q J 2
♦	A K 5 2
♣	A 9

25 points, you need
very little from partner
to make 3 NT so open
2 ♣

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Examples

♠	A K J 10 8 7 6 5 2
♥	K Q
♦	A 6
♣	-

17 points but game in spades is certain, if Partner has A♥ or K♦ a slam is likely

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- Forcing to game (with one exception)
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Examples

♠	A K Q 4 3
♥	A K Q 4
♦	A 9 7 2
♣	-

22 points, you expect to find a fit in one of your suits open 2 ♣

Responses to Opening Bid of 2 ♣

(2 ♣ opener is interested in *controls*)

- 0-7 pts bid 2 ♦ (denial bid not related to diamonds)
- 0-2 pts bid 2 NT on second round (second negative)
- 7+ with Ace and King (not necessarily in same suit) bid a 5-card suit
- 7-8 pts no Ace and King bid 2NT
- 9-10 no Ace and King bid 3NT

Opening 2 ♣ is forcing to game with one exception:
2 ♣ - 2 ♦ - 2NT shows 23-24 points and can be passed with nothing. All other sequences starting with a 2 ♣ opener cannot stop short of game.

HAND 4

West

♠ 10 2
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ 10 5
♣ 8 6 4 3 2

2 D

pass

North

♠ A 8 6 5 3
♥ K 5 2
♦ K 4 3
♣ 10 7

pass

pass

pass

East

♠ K Q J 4
♥ A J
♦ Q J 7 2
♣ A K Q

2 C

2 NT

South

♠ 9 7
♥ Q 10 4 3
♦ A 9 8 6
♣ J 9 5

pass

pass

HAND 5

West

♠ K 5
♥ 9 8 7 5
♦ 9 7 5
♣ Q J 10 6

pass

pass

pass

North

♠ Q J 9 8 4 3
♥ 6
♦ J 10 6 2
♣ 7 5

2 D

4 S

East

♠ 10 2
♥ Q J 10 4 3
♦ A 8 4
♣ 9 8 3

South

♠ A 7 6
♥ A K 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ A K 4 2

2 C

2 NT

pass

pass

pass

pass

HAND 6

West

♠ 9 8 7 6 5
♥ 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ Q J 6 5

pass

pass

pass

pass

North

♠ 4
♥ 8 7 4
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ 10 9 7 4 2

pass

2 D

2 NT

4 H

East

♠ 3 2
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ A K 3

South

♠ A K Q J 10
♥ A K Q J 10
♦ A 8
♣ 8

2 C

2 S

3 H

pass

pass

pass

Homework

- Read pgs 140-143 Slams