



St Annes Bridge Club

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Weak 2's

- Pre-emptive strike
- Ensures opening ones are solid (rule of 20)
- Can find games/slams
- Using all of 2 level openers as strong is wasteful
- No loss of accuracy for strong hands

Weak 2's Requirements

- 6 card Diamond, Heart or Spade suit
- Reasonable suit (headed by Queen Jack or better)
- 5 – 9 points
- Not 4 of a major

Weak 2's

♠ 4 3
♥ J 6 4
♦ A Q J 8 6 3
♣ 9 4

Open 2 ♦

♠ Q J 9 8 6 4
♥ 4
♦ K 4 3
♣ Q J 4

Open 2 ♠

♠ 8 6 3
♥ K Q 9 8 6 4
♦ Q 10
♣ 7 5

Open 2 ♥

♠ 4 3
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A Q J 8 6 3
♣ 4

Pass (4 hearts)

♠ Q 7 6 5 3 2
♥ 4
♦ A 4 3
♣ 9 7 4

Pass (weak suit)

♠ 3 2
♥ A Q 8 7 5 4
♦ J 10 9 8 3
♣

Open 2 ♥

Responding to Partners Weak 2

- Single raise of partners suit eg 2♠ - 3♠, pre-emptive based on trump fit. Opener should not bid again.
- Game raise of partners suit eg 2♠ - 4♠, could be pre-emptive based on trump fit or decent values expecting to make. Very difficult to defend against because of the ambiguity.
- Artificial response of 2NT, eg 2♠ - 2NT shows responder has a genuine interest in game.
- It asks partner to define his hand further.

Openers rebid after 2NT response

- 3 of bid suit is a sign-off with minimum weak 2 and a poor suit
- If better than minimum show values in another suit

or

- 3NT –three of the top four honours including the A in the 6 card suit

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What sort of hands prompt the 2NT enquiry? 2♠ - ?

♠ 9 8 7 6
♥ A K Q 9 8 7
♦ A K Q
♣

Game is certain slam possible start with 2NT to find out how many potential spade losers there are

♠ 7 6 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ K Q 10 9 5
♣ A 8

You have a decent hand and if partner has a 'good' weak 2 game is probable. You start with 2NT, if he responds weakly you settle in 3S (which partner must pass).

Hands 1 - 4

Defence to Weak 2's

Treat as opening one:

- Overcalls – natural and promise a good 6 card suit
- Double – minimum opening strength and 4 of other major
- No Trump – minimum one stop:

16 – 18 2NT

21 – 22 3NT

19 – 20 Double then bid NT

Hands 5 - 8

Homework

- Read Pgs 132 -135 Higher level pre-empts