

# **2 over 1 Game Force**

## **Chapter Three**

### **Rebids by Opener and Responder After 2/1**

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## Advantages of 2 / 1

The partnership knows “**how high**” is game.

The partnership can now bid more slowly to find “**where**” the contract should be played.

Once “where” is found, the partnership can now focus on the **possibility of slam**.

# Opener's Rebid

**Opener's focus is on describing the shape of the hand**

**Opener's choices are:**

**Support responder's suit**

**Bid a second suit**

**Rebid a six-card or longer suit**

**Bid No Trump**

# Supporting Responder's Major Suit

**Bid this hand!**

**Opener**

♠ A K 8 6 2

♥ 10 8 5

♦ J 9 5

♣ A 6

**Responder**

♠ 7 4

♥ K J 9 4 3

♦ K Q 7

♣ K 7 3

# Supporting Responder's Major Suit

## Opener

♠ A K 8 6 2

♥ 10 8 5

♦ J 9 5

♣ A 6

## Opener

1 ♠

3 ♥

## Responder

♠ 7 4

♥ K J 9 4 3

♦ K Q 7

♣ K 7 3

## Responder

2 ♥

4 ♥

**Opener raises partners heart suit with 3 card support knowing responder need 5 hearts to make the 2/1 bid. Responder having no extra values, bids the game at 4 hearts.**

# Supporting Responder's minor suit

**Bid This Hand!**

**Opener**

♠ 7 4

♥ A J 8 5 2

♦ Q 6

♣ A Q 8 3

**Responder**

♠ A J 10

♥ 10 4

♦ K 10 3

♣ K J 7 6 2

# Supporting Responder's minor suit

## Opener

♠ 7 4  
♥ A J 8 5 2  
♦ Q 6  
♣ A Q 8 3

## Opener

1 ♥  
3 ♣  
Pass

## Responder

♠ A J 10  
♥ 10 4  
♦ K 10 3  
♣ K J 7 6 2

## Responder

2 ♣  
3 NT

**After opener supports responder's club suit, responder bids 3 NT have a minimum balanced hand and stoppers in the other suits.**

# Bidding a new suit

**Bid this hand!**

## Opener

♠ A K J 7 3

♥ J 9 8 5

♦ 4

♣ K 8 3

## Responder

♠ 6

♥ Q 10 7 4

♦ A 8 3 2

♣ A Q J 7

# Bidding a new suit

## Opener

♠ A K J 7 3

♥ J 9 8 5

♦ 4

♣ K 8 3

## Opener

1 ♠

2 ♥

4 ♥

## Responder

♠ 6

♥ Q 10 7 4

♦ A 8 3 2

♣ A Q J 7

## Responder

2 ♣

3 ♥

Pass

In this example, opener shows a new suit (hearts) after partner bids 2 clubs, and responder raises the heart suit to show four card support. Opener bids the game in 4 hearts with a minimum hand.

# Bidding a new suit

**Bid this hand!**

## Opener

♠ K Q J 10 8 5

♥ A 4

♦ 9 8 6 3

♣ J

## Responder

♠ 9 3

♥ J 7

♦ A 10 7 5

♣ A K 8 7 5

# Bidding a new suit

## Opener

♠ K Q J 10 8 5

♥ A 4

♦ 9 8 6 3

♣ J

## Opener

1 ♠

2 ♠

4 ♠

## Responder

♠ 9 3

♥ J 7

♦ A 10 7 5

♣ A K 8 7 5

## Responder

2 ♣

3 ♠

Pass

**6-4-6 approach.** In this example, opener does not show a new four card suit (diamonds) as it is too weak. By rebidding the spades again, opener is showing a six card suit and a minimum hand.

# **Bidding a new suit**

**Openers bid of a new suit at the three level shows either:**

**Extra distribution – a five card suit – or**

**Extra strength – about 15 or more high card points**

# Bidding a new suit

**Bid this hand!**

**Opener**

♠ A K 9 7 6

♥ 2

♦ K J 10 5 3

♣ 7 2

**Responder**

♠ 4

♥ A Q 9 6 3

♦ Q 9 8 2

♣ A 4 3

# Bidding a new suit

## Opener

♠ A K 9 7 6  
♥ 2  
♦ K J 10 5 3  
♣ 7 2

## Opener

1 ♠  
3 ♦  
5 ♦

## Responder

♠ 4  
♥ A Q 9 6 3  
♦ Q 9 8 2  
♣ A 4 3

## Responder

2 ♥  
4 ♦  
Pass

Opener is willing to show the good five card suit at the 3 level.  
Responder is willing to go past 3 NT and bid the game at 5 ♦.

# Bidding a new suit

**Bid this hand!**

**Opener**

♠ A K 9 7 6

♥ 2

♦ K J 10 5

♣ K Q 2

**Responder**

♠ 4

♥ A Q 9 6 3

♦ Q 9 8 2

♣ A 4 3

# Bidding a new suit

## Opener

♠ A K 9 7 6  
♥ 2  
♦ K J 10 5  
♣ K Q 2

## Responder

♠ 4  
♥ A Q 9 6 3  
♦ Q 9 8 2  
♣ A 4 3

## Opener

1 ♠  
3 ♦  
4 NT  
6 ♦

## Responder

2 ♥  
4 ♦  
5 ♥  
Pass

Here, opener has extra strength and is willing to go to the 3 level with a new suit. Once the fit is found, opener checks for Aces and bids the 6 diamond slam.

# Showing a Six Card or longer suit

**Bid this hand!**

**Opener**

♠ K Q 9 7 6 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ J 4

♣ 9 4

**Responder**

♠ A J

♥ 8 6

♦ A K 10 6 3 2

♣ Q 5 3

# Showing a Six Card or longer suit

## Opener

♠ K Q 9 7 6 4

♥ K Q 3

♦ J 4

♣ 9 4

## Opener

1 ♠

2 ♠

4 ♠

## Responder

♠ A J

♥ 8 6

♦ A K 10 6 3 2

♣ Q 5 3

## Responder

2 ♦

3 ♠

Pass

With a six card suit and a minimum hand, opener simply rebids his long suit. **Opener's rebid of the original suit over the 2/1 response generally shows a six-card or longer suit.**

# Showing a Six Card or longer suit

**Bid this hand!**

## Opener

♠ K Q 9 7 6 4

♥ A K J

♦ J 4

♣ K 9

## Responder

♠ A J

♥ 8 6

♦ A K 10 6 3 2

♣ Q 5 3

# Showing a Six Card or longer suit

## Opener

♠ K Q 9 7 6 4

♥ A K J

♦ J 4

♣ K 9

## Opener

1 ♠

2 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

## Responder

♠ A J

♥ 8 6

♦ A K 10 6 3 2

♣ Q 5 3

## Responder

2 ♦

3 ♠

5 ♥

Pass

With considerable extra values, opener still rebids only 2 spades. Once partner shows support for the spades, opener then checks for Aces and bids the slam.

# Showing a Balanced Hand

**Bid this hand!**

**Opener**

♠ K 9 4

♥ A J 8 5 3

♦ K 8 2

♣ J 3

**Responder**

♠ Q J 3

♥ 7 2

♦ A Q 5

♣ K Q 10 5 2

# Showing a Balanced Hand

## Opener

♠ K 9  
♥ A J 8 5 3  
♦ K 8 3 2  
♣ J 3

## Opener

1 ♥  
2 NT  
Pass

## Responder

♠ Q J 3  
♥ 7 2  
♦ A Q 5  
♣ K Q 10 5 2

## Responder

2 ♣  
3 NT

**With a minimum balanced hand, opener rebids 2 NT.**

# Showing a Balanced Hand

Opener will not always be perfectly balanced for a rebid of 2 NT.

Bid this hand!

## Opener

♠ A J 8 6 3

♥ K 9 3

♦ 4

♣ K J 7 5

## Responder

♠ 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ A K Q J 5

♣ A 6 4 2

# Showing a Balanced Hand

**Opener will not always be perfectly balanced for a rebid of 2 NT.**

## Opener

♠ A J 8 6 3

♥ K 9 3

♦ 4

♣ K J 7 5

## Opener

1 ♠

2 NT

Pass

## Responder

♠ 7 2

♥ 8 5

♦ A K Q J 5

♣ A 6 4 2

## Responder

2 ♦

3 NT

**With a minimum, opener is not strong enough to show a new suit and is even more unbalanced than the previous example. However, with partner bidding diamonds, opener can safely bid the NT.**

# Opener's Rebid - Showing a Balanced Hand

## Stoppers

**Does opener need stoppers in the unbid suits to bid 2 NT?**

**The recommended approach is that opener's 2NT rebid does NOT guarantee a stopper in the unbid suits.**

# Opener's Rebid - Showing a Balanced Hand

**Stoppers**

**Bid this hand!**

**Opener**

♠ A 10 5 4 3

♥ A K 3

♦ 10 7 3

♣ Q 2

**Responder**

♠ 8 2

♥ Q J 2

♦ J 4 2

♣ A K J 7 5

# Opener's Rebid - Showing a Balanced Hand

## Stoppers

### Opener

♠ A 10 5 4 3

♥ A K 3

♦ 10 7 3

♣ Q 2

### Opener

1 ♠

2 NT

Pass

### Responder

♠ 8 2

♥ Q J 2

♦ J 4 2

♣ A K J 7 5

### Responder

2 ♣

3 NT

This hand does not have a diamond stopper but is a good bet to make 3 NT. You have 9 tricks. And you have 6 diamonds (the opponents holding 7). Only a bad diamond break (5-2) can defeat this contract.

**No Trump is the place to be!**

# **Play Hand #9**

# **Play Hand #10**

# Rebids by Opener and Responder after 2/1 bid

## Responder's Rebid

Opener has bid twice, providing a good description of opener's hand. Responder will usually decide "where" the partnership belongs. Any bid by responder below game level is still forcing, so there's no need to jump to game if there is uncertainty about the best contract.

## Responder's options

Agree on a trump suit if it has not happened already

Rebid a six card or longer suit

Suggest no trump if there is no major suit fit

Bid the fourth suit to get more information from partner

# Responder's Rebid

Agree on a trump suit

Bid this hand!

## Opener

♠ A Q 10 7 5

♥ 6 2

♦ K Q 8 5

♣ J 8

## Responder

♠ K 9 3

♥ Q 3

♦ A J 9 7 3

♣ A 6 5

# Responder's Rebid

Agree on a trump suit

## Opener

♠ A Q 10 7 5

♥ 6 2

♦ K Q 8 5

♣ J 8

## Opener

1 ♠

3 ♦

4 ♠

## Responder

♠ K 9 3

♥ Q 3

♦ A J 9 7 3

♣ A 6 5

## Responder

2 ♦

3 ♠

Pass

4 spades is a much better contract than 5 diamonds.

# Responder's Rebid

Rebidding a suit – If opener has not raised responder's suit, responder can raise with a six card suit

**Bid this hand!**

## Opener

♠ A Q 8 5 2

♥ 10 2

♦ A J 5

♣ Q 8 2

## Responder

♠ 4 3

♥ A Q J 8 4 3

♦ K Q 8

♣ 7 5

# Responder's Rebid

Rebidding a suit – If opener has not raised responder's suit, responder can raise with a six card suit

## Opener

♠ A Q 8 5 2

♥ 10 2

♦ A J 5

♣ Q 8 2

## Opener

1 ♠

2 NT

4 ♥

## Responder

♠ 4 3

♥ A Q J 8 4 3

♦ K Q 8

♣ 7 5

## Responder

2 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

# Responder's Rebid

Rebid a six card or longer suit

Bid this hand!

## Opener

♠ Q J 8 7 2  
♥ A 9 8 5  
♦ K Q 9  
♣ 4

## Responder

♠ 6  
♥ K J 3  
♦ 10 3  
♣ A K J 10 8 7 5

# Responder's Rebid

**Rebid a six card or longer suit**

## Opener

♠ Q J 8 7 2  
♥ A 9 8 5  
♦ K Q 9  
♣ 4

## Opener

1 ♠  
2 ♥  
3 NT

## Responder

♠ 6  
♥ K J 3  
♦ 10 3  
♣ A K J 10 8 7 5

## Responder

2 ♣  
3 ♣  
Pass

# Responder's Rebid

## Suggesting No Trump

If the partnership does not appear to have a major-suit fit, responder can suggest playing in no trump, even if the partnership has found a minor suit fit.

**Bid this hand!**

### Opener

♠ A J 9 8 5 3  
♥ K 4  
♦ K 5  
♣ J 7 2

### Responder

♠ 4  
♥ A 10 9 2  
♦ A Q J 8 3  
♣ Q 9 4

# Responder's Rebid

## Suggesting No Trump

If the partnership does not appear to have a major-suit fit, responder can suggest playing in no trump, even if the partnership has found a minor suit fit.

### Opener

♠ A J 9 8 5 3

♥ K 4

♦ K 5

♣ J 7 2

### Opener

1 ♠

2 ♠

3 NT

### Responder

♠ 4

♥ A 10 9 2

♦ A Q J 8 3

♣ Q 9 4

### Responder

2 ♦

2 NT

Pass

# Responder's Rebid

## Suggesting No Trump

**Bid this hand!**

**Opener**

♠ 6 4  
♥ A Q 9 8 5  
♦ 10 2  
♣ A Q 8 3

**Responder**

♠ Q J 2  
♥ 4  
♦ A J 3  
♣ K J 9 7 5 2

# Responder's Rebid

## Suggesting No Trump

### Opener

♠ 6 4  
♥ A Q 9 8 5  
♦ 10 2  
♣ A Q 8 3

### Opener

1 ♥  
3 ♣  
Pass

### Responder

♠ Q J 2  
♥ 4  
♦ A J 3  
♣ K J 9 7 5 2

### Responder

2 ♣  
3 NT

# Responder's Rebid

## Suggesting No Trump

When the partnership has bid 3 suits, responder should have a stopper in the unbid suit to suggest No Trump.

**Bid this hand!**

### Opener

♠ 7 3  
♥ A J 8 6 5  
♦ Q 4  
♣ A K J 8

### Responder

♠ K 8  
♥ 7 4  
♦ A K J 8 7 3  
♣ 9 4 2

# Responder's Rebid

## Suggesting No Trump

When the partnership has bid 3 suits, responder should have a stopper in the unbid suit to suggest No Trump.

### Opener

♠ 7 3  
♥ A J 8 6 5  
♦ Q 4  
♣ A K J 8

### Opener

1 ♥  
3 ♣  
Pass

### Responder

♠ K 8  
♥ 7 4  
♦ A K J 8 7 3  
♣ 9 4 2

### Responder

2 ♦  
3 NT

# **Responder's Rebid**

## **Suggesting No Trump**

**Why does responder need a stopper in the unbid suit whereas opener could have 2 suits without stoppers and it was acceptable to bid 2 NT?**

**Opponents are likely to lead the unbid suit**

**With 2 suits unbid, you have a 50-50 chance of a good lead**

**If Declarer has a king/ doubleton, you want the lead coming into this hand.**

# **Responder's Rebid**

**Bidding Fourth suit**

**Fourth Suit after 2/1**

**Responder's bid of the fourth suit after an initial 2/1 Game Forcing response says either:**

**Responder does not know what else to bid, or**

**Responder has a legitimate 2 suited hand**

**Responder's next bid will clarify the situation**

# Responder's Rebid

Fourth suit after 2/1

**Bid this hand!**

**Opener**

♠ A K 8 4 3

♥ K J 8 6 3

♦ J 3

♣ 4

**Responder**

♠ Q 2

♥ Q 10 5

♦ 6 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 3

# Responder's Rebid

Fourth suit after 2/1

## Opener

♠ A K 8 4 3

♥ K J 8 6 3

♦ J 3

♣ 4

## Opener

1 ♠

2 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

## Responder

♠ Q 2

♥ Q 10 5

♦ 6 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 3

## Responder

2 ♣

3 ♦ (fourth suit) Alert!

4 ♥

In this hand, the use of fourth suit by responder says to declarer “tell me more”. It allows declarer to rebid the heart suit showing a 5/5 major suit fit. With the 8 card fit in hearts, responder bids 4 hearts.

# Responder's Rebid

Fourth suit after 2/1

**Bid this hand!**

## Opener

♠ K 8 5 4 3

♥ A K 6 2

♦ K 3

♣ J 4

## Responder

♠ Q 2

♥ Q 10 5

♦ 6 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 3

# Responder's Rebid

## Fourth suit after 2/1

### Opener

♠ K 8 5 4 3  
♥ A K 6 2  
♦ K 3  
♣ J 4

### Opener

1 ♠  
2 ♥  
3 NT

### Responder

♠ Q 2  
♥ Q 10 5  
♦ 6 4 2  
♣ A K Q 7 3

### Responder

2 ♣  
3 ♦ (fourth suit) Alert!  
Pass

In this hand, the use of fourth suit by responder says to declarer “tell me more”. It allows declarer to rebid 3 NT having a stopper in the diamond suit.

# Responder's Rebid

Fourth suit after 2/1

**Bid this hand!**

## Opener

♠ A J 5 4 3

♥ A K 6 2

♦ 6 3

♣ J 4

## Responder

♠ 6 2

♥ 10 5

♦ K Q 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 3

# Responder's Rebid

## Fourth suit after 2/1

### Opener

♠ A J 5 4 3

♥ A K 6 2

♦ 6 3

♣ J 4

### Opener

1 ♠

2 ♥

3 NT

### Responder

♠ 6 2

♥ 10 5

♦ K Q 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 3

### Responder

2 ♣

2 NT

Pass

In this hand, responder has a stopper in the diamond suit and bids 2 NT. Opener with nothing more to show bids 3 NT.

# Responder's Rebid

Fourth suit after 2/1

**Bid this hand!**

## Opener

♠ 6 4  
♥ A Q J 7 5  
♦ K Q 9 2  
♣ 10 5

## Responder

♠ K 3  
♥ 3  
♦ 6 5 3  
♣ A Q J 8 7 6 2

# Responder's Rebid

## Fourth suit after 2/1

### Opener

♠ 6 4  
♥ A Q J 7 5  
♦ K Q 9 2  
♣ 10 5

### Opener

1 ♥  
2 ♦  
3 ♠ (4<sup>th</sup> suit – alert!)  
Pass

### Responder

♠ K 3  
♥ 3  
♦ 6 5 3  
♣ A Q J 8 7 6 2

### Responder

2 ♣  
3 ♣  
3 NT

After responder rebids clubs, opener has to decide what to do. With no stopper in spades, opener bids 3 spades as the fourth suit. With a spade stopper, responder bids 3 NT and the contract is played from the best side.

# Responder's Rebid

Fourth suit after 2/1

**Bid this hand!**

## Opener

♠ 6 4  
♥ A Q J 7 5  
♦ K Q 9 2  
♣ 10 5

## Responder

♠ 3 2  
♥ K 3  
♦ 6 5 3  
♣ A Q J 8 7 6

# Responder's Rebid

Fourth suit after 2/1

## Opener

♠ 6 4  
♥ A Q J 7 5  
♦ K Q 9 2  
♣ 10 5

## Opener

1 ♥  
2 ♦  
3 ♠ (4<sup>th</sup> suit – alert!)  
Pass

## Responder

♠ 3 2  
♥ K 3  
♦ 6 5 3  
♣ A Q J 8 7 6

## Responder

2 ♣  
3 ♣  
4 ♥

After responder rebids clubs, opener has to decide what to do. With no stopper in spades, opener bids 3 spades as the fourth suit. With neither partner having a spade stopper, responder bids 4 hearts. A 5-2 fit will have to do.

# When Opponents Interfere

**If there is interference directly over the opening bid, 2/1 game force is off.**

**If either opponent enters the auction after the 2/1 response, the game force is still on.**

## When Opponents Interfere after 2/1 bid

Passing as an option – if the opponent's bid makes it inconvenient to find a suitable rebid, pass is an option.

Since the partnership is already committed to game, **a pass is forcing**. Partner is expected to keep the auction going.

# When Opponents Interfere

**Pass as an option**

**Bid this hand!**

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	2 ♠	?

**Opener - south**

♠ J 5 4  
♥ K Q 10 8 3  
♦ A Q 4  
♣ J 6

# When Opponents Interfere

## Pass as an option

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	2 ♠	Pass

## Opener - south

♠ J 5 4  
♥ K Q 10 8 3  
♦ A Q 4  
♣ J 6

If East had passed, opener would most likely have bid 2 NT to show the balanced hand. When east overcalls 2 spades, south can not bid 2 NT with no real spade stopper. By passing to partner, south is deferring to partner for more information.

# When Opponents Interfere

**Pass as an option**

**Bid this hand!**

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	pass	2 ♣
2 ♦	2 ♥	3 ♦	?

**Responder - South**

♠ K 4  
♥ Q 6 2  
♦ 8 7  
♣ A Q J 8 4 2

# When Opponents Interfere

## Pass as an option

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	pass	2 ♣
2 ♦	2 ♥	3 ♦	Pass

## Responder - South

♠ K 4  
♥ Q 6 2  
♦ 8 7  
♣ A Q J 8 4 2

If East had passed, responder would most likely have bid 3 clubs to show the 6 card suit. Now, with a desire to hear more from partner at this point, south can pass. The pass is forcing and asks partner for more information. If partner rebids the hearts, South will bid the game at four hearts.

# When the Opponents Interfere

## Doubling as an option

**If the opponents interfere, the partnership can choose to double for penalty rather than continue to game, if that seems likely to give the partnership its best score.**

- **A double is for penalty if the original overcall is on doubler's right.**
- **A double is cooperative – high card showing – if the overcall is on doubler's left.**

# When the Opponents Interfere

## Doubling as an option

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦	2 ♠	?

## Opener- South

♠ K J 9 3  
♥ A K 8 7 2  
♦ 4  
♣ Q 6 2

# When the Opponents Interfere

## Doubling as an option

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦	2 ♠	Double

### Opener- South

♠ K J 9 3  
♥ A K 8 7 2  
♦ 4  
♣ Q 6 2

**Double** - Since the overcaller, East is clearly on the right of doubler, this double is for penalty. Partner, north is not required to pass the double, but needs to consider south's opinion that a double for penalty may be the best option.

# When the Opponents Interfere

## Doubling as an option

### Bid this hand!

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	pass	2 ♥
3 ♦	pass	pass	?

### Responder - South

♠ J 4  
♥ A K J 8 3  
♦ Q 9 3  
♣ Q 7 2

# When the Opponents Interfere

## Doubling as an option

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	pass	2 ♥
3 ♦	pass	pass	Double

## Responder - South

♠ J 4  
♥ A K J 8 3  
♦ Q 9 3  
♣ Q 7 2

**Double** - Since the overcaller, West is clearly on the left of the doubler, south, this is considered a “cooperative double”. In other words, “partner, you can leave it in for penalty or take it out if you think we can get a better result from bidding”.

# **Play Hand #11**

# **Play Hand #12**