

Strong Two Clubs Opening Supplementary

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Example Bidding Sequence

3 NT Contract

♠AKJ872 ♥AK7 ♦A6 ♣K7

North

Bids:

2C – pass – 2D – pass

2S – pass – 3D – pass

3S – pass – 4S – all pass

South

♠54 ♥43 ♦K65432 ♣876

Example Bidding Sequence - Analysis

- Hand evaluation
 - North has 22 high card points plus 2 length points in spades.
 - South has only 3 high card points. But they must bid.
- Bidding
 - North opens 2 clubs.
 - South bids 2 diamonds (weak/waiting).
 - North shows their spade naturally (2S).
 - South isn't totally weak, so they show their diamond suit (3D).
 - North rebids 3S, showing strong spades (6+).
 - South, with 2 spade cards, raises to 4S.
- Play
 - North may ruff the 3rd heart and finesse the J of spades and the K of clubs.
 - N/S have a good chance of making 10 tricks.

2-Club Opening Bids - Examples

1) ♠AKJ632 ♥K8 ♦AK63 ♣A → **Open 2 Clubs**

- 22 high-card points plus 2 length points. Two diamond losers and two potential heart losers (9 winners). Strong spade suit. Plan to rebid spades to show a strong suit (5+).

2) ♠AK82 ♥AQ83 ♦A2 ♣KQ3 → **Open 2 Clubs**

- 22 high-card points and balanced hand. No 5-card suit. Plan to rebid 2 NT if partner responds 2D (waiting).

3) ♠AKQ2 ♥3 ♦AQ54 ♣AK83 → **Open 1 Diamond**


- 22 high-card points and unbalanced. 6 or 7 possible losers. Take a chance that partner will not pass and bid 1 diamond, planning to jump in NT (if partner bids hearts) or jump in clubs or spades.


4) ♠AKQT762 ♥KQJ9 ♦A3 ♣9 → **Open 2 Clubs**


- 19 high-card points plus 3 length points. Good side suit; no wasted high cards in club singleton. 3 losers, 10 winners. Plan to rebid spades to show a strong suit (5+).


2-Club Response Bids - Examples

After partner opens 2 clubs, your hand is:

- 1) ♠98632 ♥98 ♦932 ♣J32  ***Bid 2 Diamonds***
 - 1 high-card point. Two diamonds is a “waiting” bid to see what partner bids next. Do not pass!

- 2) ♠KQ982 ♥A83 ♦65 ♣963  ***Bid 2 Spades***
 - 9 high-card points and strong spade suit.

- 3) ♠A82 ♥A3 ♦9654 ♣T983  ***Bid 2 Diamonds***
 - 8 high-card points. Balanced hand. The 2 diamond bid is “waiting”, even though your hand isn’t really “weak.” The 2 aces make this much too strong for a 2NT bid.

- 4) ♠KT7 ♥J43 ♦Q532 ♣Q65  ***Bid 2 No Trump***
 - 8 high-card points and a balanced hand. Because many of the points are queens and jacks (weaker), show your interest in No Trump.

How to “Bail Out”

- If your hand is “really weak” (0 or 1 high card points), you can tell your partner (so they can decide whether to proceed).
- There are multiple means to accomplish a “bailout”.
- The simplest version is to bid the lowest-level minor suit.
 - Example: 2C – pass – 2D (waiting/weak) – pass – 2H – pass – 3C
 - Example: 2C – pass – 2D (waiting/weak) – pass – 3C – pass – 3D
- In both examples, partner knows you have a “really weak” hand and will proceed appropriately.

Follow-up Reading

- The ACBL robot-based playing tool is available at <http://www.learn2playbridge.com/map>. Begin the bidding section with some of the hands from:
 - 2C Opening and Responding to Partner 2C Opening