

2♥ or 2♣ showing a 5+ card major and a 4+ card minor

Rating: 2 boards per segment/round

Description: 2♥/♣ shows 5HCP -10 HCP (Maximum range of 7 HCP), 5 or more cards in the bid major and 4 (or 5) or more in an undisclosed minor. Qxxxx-xx-xx-Kxxx would be opened 2S as would KJxxx-xx-x-KJxxx. There are no other requirements for the bid other than the min-max HCP and 5 or more cards in the major opened and a 4+ (or 5+) card side suit in a minor. It is permissible to have 5 cards in the major opened and 6 cards in the minor.

In direct seat you treat the opening bid exactly as you would a regular weak 2 in the major opened.

Other auctions please see below.

2♥/♠-Pass-3♣: is pass or correct for the minor

- Dbl: take out of major opened,
- 3Q: cue bid asking for a stopper
- 3NT: Natural

2♥/♠-Pass-3♦: is pass or correct for the minor

- Dbl: take out, of major opened,
- 3Q: cue bid asking for a stopper
- 3NT: Natural

2♥/♠-Pass-2NT: asks for further inquiry

- Dbl: take out of major opened, Dbl should be similar to hand you would dbl an Ougust response of a weak 2. Like 15+ balanced or a classic take out of the major; like a 4-4-4-1 with the singleton in the major.
- 3Q: Michaels

2♥/♠-DBL-3m (pass or correct):

- Dbl: responsive dbl, values and no clear direction,
- 3M: asking for a stopper for NT, or ST in a suit,
- 3NT: natural

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2♥/♠ Opening Bid

This bid shows 5+ cards in the suit opened and 5+ cards in either minor, and 5-10 HCP occasionally light. In 3rd seat you can be light or 5-4 in the Mm but you cannot be light and off shape.

- 2♥/2♠ Pass 2♠/3♣/3♦ Cheapest bid in a new suit is nonforcing
- 2NT asks for the minor suit –signoff, invitational, or strong.
 - 3♥ Natural and pre-emptive not invitational
 - 3♠ Natural and invitational.
 - 3N Any game bid is to play.
 - 4♣ Invitational.
 - 4♦ Invitational.
 - 4♥/♠ To play.
 - 5♣/♦ To play.

Defences:

2♥/♠-Pass-2♠/3♣/3♦: is nonforcing with ♣.

- Dbl: penalty. Hand is a misfit.
- 3Q: cue bid is takeout of the 2 suits
- 3NT: Natural
- Game bids: to play. May be a shot.

2♥/♠-Pass-2NT: asks for minor (*weak, invitational or strong*).

- Dbl: Strong Bal 16+ hand.
- 3♣/3♦/3 other major: Natural and forward going.
- 3Q: Strong 2 suited hand.
- Game bids: to play. May be a shot.
- Pass: followed by double is penalty of the minor.
- Pass: followed by Q is takeout with other 2 suits.

2♥/♠-DBL-3m (to play):

- Dbl: responsive dbl, values and no clear direction.
- New suit: constructive and nonforcing.
- Game bids: to play. May be a shot.
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- 3M: asking for stopper for NT, or ST in a suit.
- Game bids: to play. May be a shot.
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- 3NT: natural

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