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The opener has said everything he had to say : you are the one to manage what is coming next

Reminders :

Any response bid at game level is a stop ; your partner will pass.

Any support bid is also a stop : your partner will have to pass.

Any shift is forcing (except, of course, at game level).

S	W	N	E
		2 ♥	Pass
Pass			



No fit, 13 HCP... don't even think about it... just pass, and the opponents may overcall...hopefully ! you'll be waiting for them !

S	W	N	E
		2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥			



In response to a 2 ♥ opening, follow the law of total tricks : 9 trump cards = 9 tricks. If you fail, this will most probably mean that the opponents have missed a ♠ contract.



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### With a support (at least 2 cards)

Support and 7-8 HCP : follow the law of total tricks

- with 3 cards, raise the preempt at level 3.
- with 4 cards, go for game

With a strong hand (15HCP and above), but no slam ambition, go to game :

- 4 ♥ or 4 ♠
- or 3 NT with a 15 HCP balanced hand, and stoppers in all suits

S	W	N	E
		2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥			



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A smart bet because of your finesse options (♠ and ♣). Be aware of the quality of your long suits and the possibilities they offer.



S	W	N	E
		2 ♠	3 ♦
3 NT			



With a balanced hand there is no guarantee that you do not lose 4 tricks on a 4♠ contract



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### Looking for a game or a slam:

- 2 NT is asking for more informations (forcing !)
- A jump shift at level 4 is a **prospection bid** : 4 cards support and a nice 5 carder.
- **Blackwood** right away in order to locate an Ace or K trump

S	W	N	E
		2 ♥	Pass
2 NT			



With a "low range" opening, The opener will repeat his suit at level 3. In this case, it will be the final contract, and there will be no game.

S	W	N	E
		2 ♥	Pass
4 NT			



Blackwood ... To go straight to the point.



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### Without support

With less than 13-14 HCP : pass !

With 13-14 HCP or more

- shift with a nice 5 or 6 carder
- raise at game level with 4 or 5 obvious tricks
- 3 NT with a leading minor suit and stoppers in the other suits.

S	W	N	E
		2 ♠	Pass
3 ♥			

A ♥	K ♥	10 ♥	9 ♥	6 ♥	4 ♥	K ♣	Q ♣	3 ♣	2 ♣	A ♦	J ♦	8 ♦
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You can afford this forcing shift bid = for 3 ♥, you need a nice 6(or more) carder. In addition, with a void in ♠, you need to be strong enough to face a misfit.

S	W	N	E
		2 ♥	Pass
3 NT			

Q ♠	J ♠	8 ♠	7 ♥	A ♣	5 ♣	A ♦	K ♦	Q ♦	10 ♦	5 ♦	4 ♦	2 ♦
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Your chances of making 9 tricks are very high, especially after a likely ♠ lead.