



## Pre-empt: weak 2 opening bids

**Pre-empts make life difficult for the opponents as their overcall will inevitably be at a higher level.**

To open 2 diamonds, 2 hearts or 2 spades, you need:

- 6-9HCP
- 6 cards in the suit including two high honors (ace, king or queen)

Careful ! Never open a weak 2 opening with:

- two high honors outside the suit
- or 2 aces
- or 4 cards in the other major

S				W				N				E			
2 ♠															
K	Q	J	9	4	3	4	5	4	2	J	10	4			
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦		

Problem E2497 : a typical weak two opening

S				W				N				E			
Pass															
K	Q	J	Q	10	9	5	4	3	4	3	5	3			
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦			

Problem E2499 : your major is too weak to open 2 ♥



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### Dominique's advice:

With a 6 card established major, make an opening bid at the 1 level if you have 10-11HCP. This type of hand is too strong for a pre-empt.

S	W	N	E
1 ♠			

  

A ♠	K ♠	Q ♠	J ♠	10 ♠	9 ♠	4 ♥	5 ♣	4 ♣	10 ♦	9 ♦	8 ♦	3 ♦
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Problem E2500 This 6 card established major is too strong for a weak 2 opening bid.

S	W	N	E
Pass			

  

Q ♠	J ♠	9 ♠	8 ♠	K ♥	Q ♥	9 ♥	4 ♥	3 ♥	2 ♥	4 ♣	5 ♦	4 ♦
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Problem E2501 Never use a weak 2 opening bid with 4 cards in the other major.