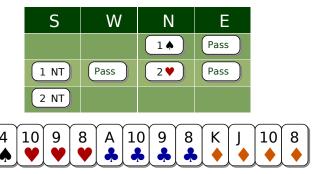




Responder's 2nd bid after a 1NT 1st response bid. Opener's minimum 2-suiter bid for the majors

Opener can have between 11-17HCP..., the Responder has 5-10HCP maximum.

- If Responder is minimum in his bid, Game isn't possible. : need to find the best (sometimes the least bad ...) contract.
- Maximum, with 10HCP, the Responder bids 2NT; he has stoppers in the other 2 suits. Opener signs off in relation to his strength with pass or 3NT.
- Other bids are : support bid of the 2nd suit, preference bid for 1st suit, a new suit or an impossible bid!



Problem E5351 Here, Responder is maxi with 10HCP and has stoppers in the minor suits. He invites game by bidding 2NT

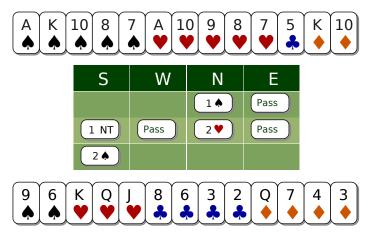




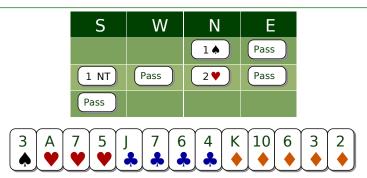
With less than 10HCP and no fit: Responder knows that Game isn't a possibility. Therefore he's looks for the best part-score contract.

- Pass of course with 3 cards in Opener's 2nd suit, a singleton in the 1st and less than 10HCP
- Returning to Opener's 1st bid suit this bid means preference for the 1st bid suit and shows 2 cards

Be Careful With only 7 trump cards, choose a 5-2 distribution rather than a 4-3. So in this case, always come back to Opener's 1st bid suit.



Problem E5353 2♠, preference bid even with 3 nice cards in the 2nd suit, you need to support bid the 1st bid suit.



Problem E5357 PassWith a singleton in the 1st suit and 3 cards in the 2nd suit.





With 10HCP and a fit in the 2nd suit, Responder invites or goes to Game..

- Responder who has 4 cards in the 2nd suit and 8-9HCP invites Game with a support bid at the 3 level
- With more trump cards and a special distribution Responder jump bids to Game



Problem E5355 3♥With 4♥ cards, support bid. If Opener is maximum, he'll bid Game.





With special distributions

- With 6 or 7 cards in a minor suit don't leave your P on 2♥ ...bid 3♣ or 3♠. In general, Opener will pass understanding it's a misfit. He shouldn't then bid 3NT because communications will often be totally impossible.
- With an exceptional hand making Slam possible, bid a nonsensical bid... This bid won't make sense because of your 1NT 1st bid. eg. 3♠ or 3NT are clearly nonsensical bids promising an enormous support fit in the 2nd suit and Slam possibility.



Problem E5359 Don't give up on your P with only 6 trump cards on your side.. 3♦ is probably the least bad contract for your team.