



The Rubensohl convention after a 2 CO overcall on 1NT opening

The Rubensohl is used by the responder after a 1NT opening and an overcall. It recommends that experienced players use this system.

After a natural overcall of 2 CO:

- all the responder's bids in a suit at the two level are natural
- from 2NT onwards all bids are Texas transfer bids. 2NT is therefore artificial (Texas for clubs)
- the impossible Texas is a Stayman
- the double is a takeout. It could be a Stayman with just 8HCP or show a balanced hand of 8HCP or more.

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	2 ♥
2 ♠			

Q	J	10	6	3	7	J	10	9	8	7	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problème E9021

2 ♠ that show 5 cartes in ♠ and a hand with maximum 7HCP. Most of the time, the opener will pass.

A	J	10	5	A	9	7	K	Q	J	2	10	9
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	2 ♥
X	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
Pass			

K	Q	9	8	8	6	10	7	6	J	8	7	6
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

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X ambiguous that here will work as a Stayman



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After a natural overcall of 2 ♥

- The responder's bids
- in a suit at the two level are natural and non forcing. They are limited to a maximum of 7HCP.
- The double is not punitive. It requires at least 7-8HCP and often reveals a hand that would have bid 2NT without the overcall. The double asks the Partner to bid a four or five-card suit or to bid NT if he has stoppers in the overcall suit. With a suitable hand, the opener can also pass and transform the double into a punitive one! With a hand of just 8HCP it can also be used by the responder as a Stayman non game forcing.

J	10	5	4	6	5	4	K	8	7	6	K	8
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
1 NT	2 ♥	X	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	

K	Q	6	8	7	A	J	4	A	Q	10	9	4
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

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3 ♦ The rebid by 3 ♦ after responder's double denies 4 cards in ♠ and a ♥ stopper.

Q	J	4	A	5	A	9	8	4	K	Q	9	7
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	2 ♥
2 ♠	3 ♥	3 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

K	10	7	6	5	7	6	7	6	5	J	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

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2 ♠ that shows 5 cards in ♠ in a weak hand (less than 8HCP). The 3 ♠ bid by Opener is purely competitive.



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The Texas responses

From 2NT onwards all the responses are Texas. The impossible Texas (for the overcall suit) is a Stayman. This forcing bid requires 8HCP and at least one four-card major.

- 1NT - 2 CO- 2NT = Texas for clubs (it guarantees 6 cards)
- 1NT - 2 CO- 3 clubs = Texas for ♦.
- 1NT - 2 CO- 3 diamonds = the impossible Texas. The responder cannot want to play 3 diamonds so it's a game-forcing Stayman.
- 1NT - 2 CO- 3 hearts = Texas for spades
- 1NT - 2 CO- 4 diamonds = either a weak Stayman or a regular hand of 8-9HCP

A	K	9	8	K	8	K	J	10	5	4	J	7
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦
S				W		N		E				
						1 NT		2 ♥				
3 ♣		Pass		3 ♦		Pass						
Pass												
5	4	7	6	5	8	7	K	Q	10	6	5	4
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

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3 ♣ Texas transfer for ♦ Thanks to the Texas transfer, the opener (with the strong hand) will be playing the 3 ♦ contract.



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The 3 ♠ rebid by responder

After the 2 ♥ overcall, The Texas transfer for ♠ is 3 ♥. The 3 ♠ bid is natural ; It shows :

- 5 cards in ♠
- AND a ♥ stopper

The opener will then choose between 3 NT and 4 ♠ !

K	Q	9	7	6	A	9	5	7	6	5	5	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
1 NT	2 ♥	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

J	10	4	7	6	K	Q	J	A	K	J	7	6
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problème 9085

3 ♠ This response is forcing to game and shows at least 9HCP, 5 cards in ♠ and a ♥ stopper. It is up to the opener to choose the best game : Here, South, being fitted choose game at 4 ♠ ..