

As a result of a 2♦ multicolor opening, a 2♣ opening now becomes the strongest opening.

As well as a 2♦ multicolor opening, 2♣ is also a forcing opening bid. You can use this opening with a regular hand with at least 22HCP, any extremely strong one-suiter hand or any other distribution which is Game forcing.

Generally, this opening is Game forcing.

Important 2♣ is Game forcing, except after a negative or "Drop Dead" 2♦ response and a rebid by 2NT.

In this situation, the sequence is only one round forcing.





Responses to 2 ♣ Opening

The Responder indicates whether he has any aces!

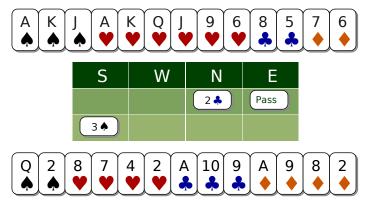
• 2♦: negative bid less than de 8HCP and no aces

2♥: 1 red Ace (♦ ou ♥)
2♠: 1 black Ace (♣ ou ♠)
2NT: at least 8HCP or 2 Kings
3♥: 2 Aces of the same color

• • : 2 same ranked Aces (2 major or 2 minor Aces)

• 3NT: 2 mixed Aces

The bidding sequence is game forcing, except after a negative $2 \blacklozenge$ bid. Opener rebids 2NT . In this case, Responder passes with a bust hand.



Exercise E9483 After a 2. opening, the Responder bids his Aces. In this case he has 2 Aces of the same rank (2 minor Aces), and therefore bids 3.





Rebid after a 2 & opening

In the second bidding round, Opener describes his hand:

- Regular hand 22-23HCP: the sequence is no longer Game forcing if the Opener bids 2NT after a 2♦ response. With a regular hand of 0 or 1 HCP, Responder passes.
- Regular hand of 24HCP: Opener rebids 2♥
- One-suiter hand: Opener bids his suit
- In all cases, the bid of a suit (♠,♥,♦ or ♣) renders the bidding sequence Game forcing



Exercise 9480 After a 2♣ opening, the Opener rebids 2NT to describe a regular hand with exactly 22-23HCP. The bidding sequence continues with the Stayman convention and the discovery of a fit in ♠. Responder can also pass when he has a bust hand!





After the negative 2♦ response :

- Opener bids his suit (♠, ♦ or ♣)
- The Opener rebids 2CO in order to render the bidding sequence Game forcing. He may have:
 - \circ either a regular hand with 24 HCP or more and the team will play at least 3NT
 - ∘ or a strong ♥ suit with at least 5 cards

After the 2 ♥ rebid, Responder bids a 2♠ relay bid to allow the Opener to describe his hand (regular or ♥ one-suiter). The Opener bids

- either 2NT if he has a regular hand and the bidding can continue with Stayman, Texas etc...
- or 3CO with a one-suiter