



## The opener after a change of suit (2 over 1)

**By changing suit 2 over 1 (without jump), the responder indicates a minimum strength of 11HCP**

Your second bid will give him :

- your side's strength: game possible or certain, or a possible slam.
- the distribution of your hand.

His change of suit 2 over 1 is forcing and auto-forcing: not only must you make a bid but he promises to speak again.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♦	Pass
2 ♣	Pass		

  

A	K	4	3	4	3	A	K	10	4	3	6	3
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

### Problème E2107

An example of a change of suit 2 over 1 by the responder which is forcing and auto-forcing

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Pass		

  

5	5	3	6	5	4	3	A	K	Q	10	8	3
♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

### Problème E2219

2 diamonds is forcing and auto-forcing.



## The opener after a change of suit (2 over 1)

### 1) The opener has a fit in the responder's major, (1 spade - 2 hearts sequence)

Indicate this fit as a priority :

- 4 hearts with a first zone hand and 4 cards go to game in hearts.
- 3 hearts with a second zone hand and 4 cards to see if slam is possible.
- With very strong hands, begin by bidding a maximum two-suiter

Note that 3 hearts promises a hand with more points than 4 hearts.

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥			

  

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

#### Problème F1622

3 hearts With a second-zone hand and a 4-card fit, check to see if slam is possible.

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
4 ♥			

  

A	J	9	K	Q	J	10	8	6	4	2	Q	9
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦

#### Problème F1514

4 hearts If your partner is much stronger than the 11HCP he promised, he will let you know...by continuing the auction.



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### 2) Without a fit in the responder's major, the opener will give:

- his two-suiter
  - Minimum two-suiter with 12-17HCP
  - Maximum two-suiter as from 15-16HCP (an attenuated maximum two-suiter)
- his balanced hand
  - 2NT with a second-zone hand (after a major opening)
  - 3NT with a third-zone hand (after a major opening)
- his one-suiter by repeating his opening suit (6cards)
  - With jump and a second-zone hand

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦			

  

2 ♠	A ♥	K ♥	J ♥	9 ♥	8 ♥	J ♣	9 ♣	4 ♣	A ♦	Q ♦	J ♦	10 ♦
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#### Problème E1529

Minimum two-suiter with your hand 12-17HCP (16 here). Don't worry, your partner has promised to bid again.



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### Important !!!

- Your strength will not always allow you to give your two-suiter hand, notably when the 5-card suit is the minor and not the major... Don't mislead your partner as to the strength of your hand.
- After the responder's change of suit at 2 level, the opener can announce a maximum two-suiter as from 15-16HCP (and not 17-18). He knows that his side has the strength to go to game.

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass



### Problème E1507

**2 hearts** Your partner has announced a minimum of 11HCP. You have 12 and no other possibility but to repeat your strong 5-card suit. 2 spades would indicate at least 15-16HCP.