



Responder's jump shift to 2CO

Modern responder's jump shift. 2♥ in response to 1♣ or 1♦

In modern bridge, 2♥ jump shift shows a major 2 suiter : 5 ♠, 4 ♥, and 6 to 9 H points. It is not a strong jump shift as it used to be. This convention brings many benefits :

- It will be frequently used
- It is precise
- It has got preemptive efficiency
- It allows you to find a ♥ fit which might sometimes be difficult to find with a two suiter hand worth less than 10H

S	W	N	E
		1♣	Pass
2♥	Pass		



Exercise 9981 A preempt jump shift that shows a weak hand with 5 cards in ♠ and 4 in ♥



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The new responder's jump shift : 2♥ after a 1 minor opening

This convention is an answer for the responder holding 5♠ and 4♥ when the opener has rebid his minor suit. Without it, he wouldn't be able to find the right bid with a hand worth less than 10H :

- Bidding 2♥ on the second round who be a 3rd suit forcing
- You need 11H for 2NT...
- The responder knows the opener might have 4♥ cards, but he must pass...

With the 2♥ jump shift, the opener precisely knows his partner's hand...and can decide what is next !

A	Q	8	7	6	A	K	J	7	6	2	3	2
♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

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

J	10	5	4	2	A	K	10	9	5	9	6	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem 9979: 2♥ would be third suit forcing... not possible with only 8H. No way you can bid 2NT. And you miss a ♥ game !

S	W	N	E
		1♣	Pass
2♥	Pass		

A	J	9	5	4	K	10	7	6	6	5	8	7
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦

Exercise 9980: The modern responder's jump shift after a minor opening will allow you to find a contract very few other pairs will play...



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The modern responder's jump shift at 2 ♥ on a 1 ♣ or 1 ♦ opening: follow on bids

The opener :

- Passes to play 2 ♥
- bids 2 ♠ to play them
- uses a forcing relay at 2NT with a strong opening

After a 2 NT relay, the responder shows the strength of his hand :

- 3 ♣ if he is minimum (5-6HCP)
 - 3 ♦ with a maximum 5-4 and a shortness chicane or singleton
 - 3 ♥ with a minimum 5-5 (5-6HCP)
 - 3 ♠ with a maximum 5-5 (7-9H)
 - 3 NT with a maximum hand (7-9HCP) and 5422
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