



Responder's jump shift to 2CO

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

In modern bridge, $2 \checkmark$ jump shift shows a major 2 suiter : $5 \spadesuit$, $4 \checkmark$, 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



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





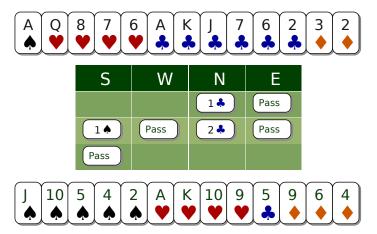
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The new responder's jump shift: 2 ♥ after a 1 minor opening

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!



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



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