



## Strong 2TR opening bid

### 2 club openings cover several types of hand:

- balanced hands with at least 22-23HCP (super NT),
- third-zone one-suiter hands with a strong suit of at least 6 cards,
- fourth-zone hands with a very strong 5-card major (minimum ace king queen x x).

Some advice:

Open 2 clubs if you hold the number of tricks for game minus 1

S	W	N	E
2 ♣			

  

K ♠	3 ♠	3 ♥	A ♣	J ♣	3 ♣	A ♦	K ♦	Q ♦	10 ♦	5 ♦	4 ♦	3 ♦
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Problem E2508 2 clubs With a magnificent third-zone one-suiter (about 18HCP), open 2 clubs strong undetermined hand. If you open 1 diamond then jump to 3 diamonds that would indicate a second-zone one-suiter (15-17HCP)

S	W	N	E
2 ♣			

  

A ♠	J ♠	9 ♠	2 ♠	K ♥	4 ♥	K ♣	Q ♣	4 ♣	A ♦	K ♦	Q ♦	3 ♦
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Problem E2506 2 clubs All very strong balanced hands (22-23HCP) should be opened 2 clubs followed by a NT rebid.



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### Reponses to 2♣ opening

2♣ is forcing for at least 1 round. Responses are:

- 2♦ 'negative or waiting' with any hand 0-7 HCP
- 2♥, 2♠, 3♣, 3♦ with 8+HCP and a long suit (5+ in Major or 6+ in minor)... forcing to game

S	W	N	E
		2♣	Pass
2♦			



Problem E4523 2♦ Negative in this case. You will probably pass next time round when the opener has described his 2♣ hand.

S	W	N	E
		2♣	Pass
2♦			



Problem E4522 Do not delay. show your strength and nice ♥ suit... a slam could well be in the cards...



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### The opener's rebid after a 2 diamond response.

- With a nice ♥ suit, a ♥ 2-suiter or a balanced hand 24+HCP, the opener bids 2♥ 'Kokish relay' See below for bidding sequences after a 'Kokish relay'
- With a balanced hand with 22-23HCP, the opener bids 2NT and the auction continues with Stayman and Texas (not forcing)
- With a one-suiter hand, he bids his suit in general a 6-card suit headed by high honors... (and has to bid 3♥ if his suit is ♥)



S	W	N	E
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass



Problem E6148 Example of a 2NT rebid by the opener of 2 clubs



S	W	N	E
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠			



Problem E5297 Bid your very nice suit. Your partner will decide the rest : stop, game, slam...



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### Bidding after a Kokish relay

After a Kokish relay, the responder must always bid an artificial 2♠ relay, to allow opener to better describe his hand

- With a Game strength, the opener bids 3♥ ... with a weaker ♥, he would have bid 3♥ directly
- With a balanced hand with 24+HCP, the opener bids 2NT and the auction continues with Stayman and Texas, forcing to game
- With a ♥ based 2-suiter hand, he bids 3 in his second suit (3♣, 3♦, 3♠) showing 4+ in his second suit..

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

Not using the Kokish to show exactly 22-23HCP.. and let responder decide whether or not to bid game

S	W	N	E
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

8	6	3		
♠	♠	♠		
9	8			
♥	♥			
Q	4	3		
♣	♣	♣		
J	10	6	4	2
♦	♦	♦	♦	♦



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♥ Q







♥ 9



♥ 8



A







♣ 10



A







♦ Q





♦ 5



Using the Turkish relay to show your ♥ - ♦ strong 2 suiter to find a game much more likely to make...

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