



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.