

# Responding to Weak Two Bids (2D, 2H or 2S)

## What does the preemptive opener have?

- 6 card suit with 5-11 HCP
- No more than one A or K outside of your suit.
- Example: ♠KQJ987 ♥4 ♦764 ♣K54

## Responses to a Weak-Two Opening (2D, 2H or 2S)

- 2NT (Feature)
  - Better than a minimum opening hand (usually with a fit for partner's suit) and at least invitational to game.
  - 2NT asks opener to show an outside Ace or King by bidding that suit at the 3-level.
  - If they do not have one, they "retreat" to 3 of their suit.
- Simple raise of opener's suit - A weak, competitive raise. Not invitational to game and partner should always pass.
- New suit - Strong hand (17+ HCP) and a good 5+-card suit. The Weak Two opener must bid again.
- 3NT or 4 of a major - To play. Partner should not bid again.

## When should I investigate game?

To assess your chances for game, don't count points. Since you have a picture of partner's hand, you should instead count winners and losers. **For example you hold:**

♠QJ52 ♥J ♦KQ732 ♣AQJ

- If partner opens 2H, pass. Even though you have 16 pts., your poor fit gives you little hope of game. You have 4 possible losers in the outside suits and partner could have 2 heart losers. Even if partner has an outside Ace or King, you can't count 10 tricks.
- If partner had opened 2S, your trump fit makes this hand much more powerful, and you would bid 4S.

## Responding to Weak Two Bids Worksheet

What would you bid with these hands?

Partner's Opening Bid	Your Hand	Your Response
2♥	1. ♠KQ1072, ♥2, ♦K982, ♣A86	
2♥	2. ♠AK42, ♥Q2, ♦A82, ♣K762	
2♥	3. ♠A832, ♥K2, ♦K8632, ♣96	
2♦	4. ♠AQ52, ♥KQ2, ♦K53, ♣AQ5	
2♠	5. ♠K852, ♥A762, ♦3, ♣AK75	
2♦	6. ♠AQ86, ♥KQJ2, ♦K98, ♣Q2	
2♠	7. ♠K10852, ♥72, ♦3, ♣Q10975	