

Weak two openings

Opening bids of 2S, 2H or 2D are mini pre-emptive and require 6-10 hcp, a 6 card suit with Q and 10 or better and no outside 4 card major.

Responding to a weak two.

Raise to 3 level a further pre-empt (not invitational)

Raise to 4 level further pre-empt or to play

New suit a good 5 card suit with 16+ pts

2NT Ogust see below

Your partner may want to know both your strength and your suit holding

A good way of finding this out is to bid 2NT (Ogust convention)

2H 2NT

3C min hand weak suit, 3D min hand strong suit

3H max hand weak suit, 3S max hand strong suit

Defending against a weak two

There are many systems in place e.g Lebensohl, Hackett etc but it is probably best to take a fairly simple approach i.e.

Double is for takeout and shows 16+ points

A suit bid shows a good 5+ card suit with an opening hand

A bid of 2NT shows an opening hand with good stops in the opponents bid suit.

Partner then uses this information and bids accordingly

Weak three openings

Opening bids of 3S, 3H, 3C or 3D are mini pre-emptive and require 6-10 hcp, a 7 card suit with Q and 10 or better and no outside 4 card major.