OPENING BID OF 2NT AND RESPONSES

An opening bid of 2NT shows a balanced hand with 20-22 points. It can have a 5 card suit (5332 shape), major or minor.

RESPONDING TO A 2NT OPENING BID

| WEAK HANDS (LESS THAN 4 POINTS): | |
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| 0-3 any shape | Pass |

| GOOD HANDS (4+ POINTS): | |
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| 6+ card major | Bid Game (4♥, 4♠) |
| 5 card major | Bid 3 of the major (3♥, 3♠) (Forcing, partner chooses 3NT or game in the major) |
| 4 card major | Bid 3♣ (Stayman) |
| No 4 card or longer major (Balanced OR Long Minor) | 4-10 Bid 3NT 11-12 Bid 4NT (Invitational, opener Passes with 20-21, or bids 6NT with 22) 13-14 Bid 6NT |

RESPONSES TO 2NT

