

# Opening more than one



Strong Balanced hands

Unbalanced hands

Strong

Weak



# Strong **Balanced** Hands

- Bid or rebid at the 2 or 3 level
    - 20-21 HCP, open 2NT
    - 22-24 HCP, open 2♣, rebid 2NT
    - 25-27 HCP, open 3NT
  - Response systems (Stayman, Jacoby transfer) ON, i.e., parallel 1NT openers
  - Response of 4NT invites slam
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# Your bid, dealer

♠ Q J 10  
♥ A K J  
♦ K Q J 10 9  
♣ A 4

♠ A Q 5  
♥ 8 7  
♦ A K Q 10 4  
♣ A K Q

♠ K J 2  
♥ K Q J 10  
♦ K J 10 9  
♣ A J

♠ A K  
♥ Q J 8 7  
♦ A K Q J  
♣ Q 8 6

♠ Q 9  
♥ A K J  
♦ K Q J  
♣ A K J 10 9

♠ Q J 10 9  
♥ A  
♦ K Q J 10 9  
♣ A K 9

# Responding to 2NT opener; Rebid after 2♣-2♦; 2NT

1.

♠	Q 9 8 5 4 2
♥	9 8 6
♦	9
♣	6 4 3

2.

♠	A 9 3 2
♥	6 5
♦	A Q 10
♣	Q 5 3 2

3.

♠	J 10 9 7
♥	Q 4 3 2
♦	J 10 8
♣	4 2

4.

♠	8 6 4
♥	10 9 4
♦	Q 8 7 6 3 2
♣	9

# Opening and Rebidding Balanced Hands

HCP	Open	Rebid
<b>12-14</b>	<b>1 of a suit</b>	<b>1NT</b>
<b>15-17</b>	<b>1NT</b>	
<b>18-19</b>	<b>1 of a suit</b>	<b>2NT</b>
<b>20-21</b>	<b>2NT</b>	
<b>22-24</b>	<b>2♣</b>	<b>2NT</b>
<b>25-27</b>	<b>3NT</b>	



# Preemptive Openers

- Three level with 7, four level with 8
  - Honors in the suit
  - Avoid it if
    - You have a void
    - Your suit is too weak, especially if vulnerable
    - You bid before your partner holding a 4-card major
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# Weak 2 Openers

- Open at two level (diamonds, hearts and spades) with
  - a 6-card suit
  - 5-10 points
  - No (other) 4-card major (If you bid before your partner)
- Pass subsequently, unless partner makes a forcing bid:
- 2♣ becomes an all-purpose strong bid, balanced (22-24), and unbalanced (8+tricks)

# Your bid, dealer

♠ Q 10 7

♥ 4

♦ K Q J 10 9 5

♣ 8 7 3

♠ A Q J 10 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ 10

♣ J 9 7 4

♠ Q 2

♥ K J 10 9 8 7 2

♦ 10 8 4

♣ J

♠ 10 9 7 5 3 2

♥ A 10 3

♦ K 9 6

♣ Q 8

♠

♥ K J 4 3

♦ K 7

♣ A K J 10 9 7 4

♠ A J 9 5 4 2

♥ Q 7 5 2

♦ 9

♣ 9 8



# Responding to Weak 2's

- 2NT, forcing
    - Asks weak 2 bidder to bid a “feature”, if not a minimum, by naming the suit with A or K
    - Otherwise, opener rebids suit
  - Raise with three in the suit. Preemptive
  - Other responses are forcing and show real strength and an excellent suit
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# Responding to 2♥

1.

♠ A J 10  
♥ K 2  
♦ Q J 9 3 2  
♣ A Q J

2.

♠ 9  
♥ Q 9 6 5  
♦ K 7 6  
♣ Q 9 8 5 3

3.

♠ J 10 9  
♥ A 4  
♦ A K 10  
♣ A 9 8 4 2

4.

♠ A 6 4  
♥ 4  
♦ A K Q 8 7 6 3 2  
♣ 9

# Strong 2♣ Opener

- With a strong (22+), unbalanced hand, open 2♣ (artificial)
- Responder normally doesn't pass short of game
  - 2♦ is “waiting” (usual response)
  - Other bids are natural, showing 8+ HCP and length (5-card) or a one-loser suit
  - **2NT is forbidden**

# Responding to 2♣

1.

♠ K Q J 9 8 5

♥ 9 8

♦ K 9

♣ 6 4 3

2.

♠ A 9 3 2

♥ A Q 10

♦ Q 8 4 3

♣ 7 3

3.

♠ J 10 9 7

♥ Q 4 3 2

♦ J 10 8

♣ 4 2

4.

♠ 8 6 4

♥ 10 9 4

♦ 7

♣ Q 8 7 6 3 2

Dealer: E

♠ Q 10 7

♥ 9 8 7

♦ K J 10

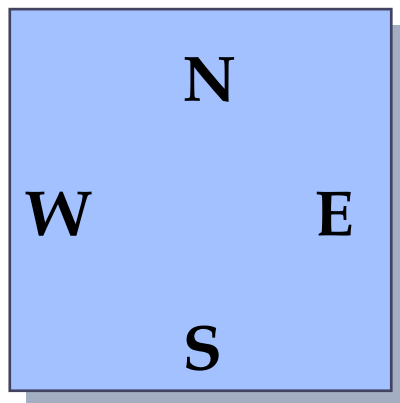
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♠ A K 8

♥ A 6

♦ Q 5 4 3 2

♣ A 5 3



♠ 9 5 4

♥ K Q J 10 3 2

♦ 9 6

♣ 4 2

♠ J 6 3 2

♥ 5 4

♦ A 8 7

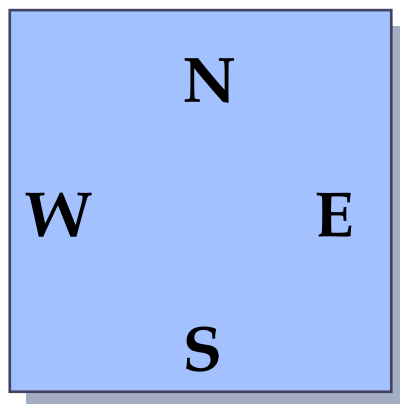
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Dealer: E

♠ Q 10 7  
♥ 9 8 7  
♦ 6  
♣ K 8 7 6 4 2

♠ 8 5 4  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ Q 5 4 3 2  
♣ 5 3



♠ A K  
♥ K Q J 10 3 2  
♦ A K J 10 9  
♣

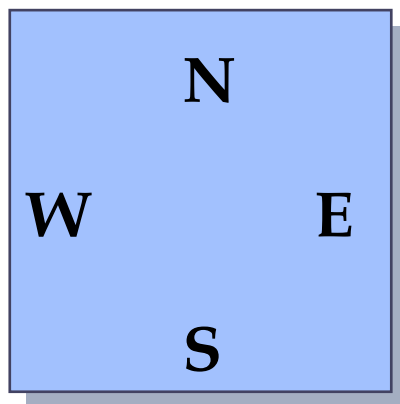
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♥ 5  
♦ 8 7  
♣ A Q J 10 9

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Dealer: N

♠ 10 7  
♥ 9 8 7  
♦ 6  
♣ K Q J 10 8 7 6

♠ 8 5 4  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ Q 5 4 3 2  
♣ 5 3



♠ A K  
♥ K Q J 10 3 2  
♦ A K J 10 9  
♣

♠ Q J 9 6 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ 8 7  
♣ A 9 4 2

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