

MULTI TWOS (WEAK / INTERMEDIATE / STRONG) AS PLAYED BY VIV WOOD AND CYNTHIA BELONOGOFF

2-level Openings

2 suit

next suit up – weak, 6-10 hcp, 6-card suit
2-suited – remaining 2 suits, weak or strong (GF)
Strong single suiter in the bid suit
Strong balanced hands – 19-20, 21-22, 23-24, 25-26

Responder bids:

next suit up – pass or correct, non-forcing
a new suit at lowest level – long suit, non-forcing, no interest in the implied preempt
jump response by responder shows a strong hand with solid suit and is forcing.
2NT – forcing enquiry.

Opener's rebids:

with a *weak 2-suiter* opener bids the cheaper of the 2 suits
with a *game force 2-suiter*, opener bids the higher of the 2 suits
After a 2-suited response, a new suit bid now by responder is a residue enquiry for the number of cards in the bid suit – respond 1,2,3,0
with a *weak single-suiter* opener passes over a non-forcing relay or bids the suit over 2NT enquiry
with a *strong single suiter* opener rebids the suit with 8-9 playing tricks with extra strength jump rebid
with a strong balanced hand rebid NT at lowest level
Puppet Stayman applies even over a 3NT rebid by opener

Responder's rebids:

If opener has shown a 2-suiter then a bid of one of the remaining suits asks opener how many cards he has in that suit 1,2,3,0
Responder generally has control of the hand – a jump to game is to play.
Minor suit keycard and Roman keycard apply to the last bid suit.

2NT:

shows 2 non-touching suits weak or strong

Responder's bids:

2♣/♦ is pass or correct
2♥ is artificial and forcing
2♠ is weak, long spades, non-forcing

After interference by opponents:

After a double by opponents responder corrects to the implied pre-empt with little in the opener's bid and a weak hand.

2NT after an opponent's bid or X is still a forcing enquiry

X by responder is for penalties

A suit bid by responder at the lowest level is pass or correct on the weak hands.

A jump response is forcing and natural.

SUGGESTED DEFENCE:

Multi Two opening bids (2C, 2D, 2H, 2S, 2NT*) cannot be passed by responder unless there is intervention. They must be relayed – either the next suit up (weak) or 2NT (forcing). The relay bids would cover approx 98% of situations.

The other bids that could be made (approx 2%) are:

- A strong jump shift showing a very good solid suit (KQJTxxx would be a minimum) and a good hand
- A very long weak suit in the suit bid (which is not the next suit relay).

So suggested defence is:

- Double would be 15+ and take out of the single suit weak two option (ie. 2D X would be take out of Hearts; 2D X would be takeout of Hearts).
- 2NT overcall would be 16-19 balanced with a stopper in the possible Weak Two option.
- A suit bid overcall is Natural
- Wait until the opening Multi bid has been clarified and then take action.
- *The 2NT opening bid is a two suiter with Clubs and Hearts or Diamonds and Spades. A suit bid overcall is to play. X would be strong and waiting for clarification of the hand.