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Responding to Partner's 2-Level Preemptive Openings

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Responding with a Fit and a Poor Hand - "Extending the Preempt"

- With a good fit for P's suit, use the Law of Total Tricks (LOTT) and extend the preempt.
 - With 3-card support raise to the 3-level.
 - With 4-card support raise to the 4-level.
 - With even larger fits and weak hands may raise to beyond game (Advanced Sacrifice).
 - 2♥ (X) 5♥! – Bid to the max level you want to play at right away!
- With an extremely balanced hand remember to adjust the LOTT down one level.

Responding with a Fit and a Good Hand

- The Rule of 17 – Not good enough!
 - Take into account your partner's preempting style – position, vulnerability, etc.
- Evaluate your hand properly – Aces, Kings, sources of tricks, and ruffing values.
- Use your 2NT tool to find out more information about Opener's hand.
- Do not check raise. Raise to where you want to be right away and then pass. Do not pass first and then raise partner's suit after the opponents have bid.

Responding 2NT after a 2-Major Preempt

- We usually use 2NT when we have a fit for partner's suit.
- 2NT Feature Ask – Ace or King
- 2NT Optional Feature Ask – Show a feature only when we like our hand.
- Ogust – Find out partner's hand and suit quality
- Modified Ogust – Find out if partner has a 5-card suit and about their overall quality.
- Shortness Ask – Most effective when partner always has a good preempt.
- *2NT followed by 3NT is cooperative. Opener can correct to 4-Major.*



Responding 2NT to a 2♦ Preempt – A Special Rebid System

- 3♣* Maximum, no 4-card Major
- 3♦* Minimum
- 3♥* 4-card ♠, maximum values
- 3♠* 4-card ♥, maximum values
- 3NT Solid Suit – AKQxxx+

Responding in a New Suit

- Forcing for 1-round
- Decent 5+card suit – longer our suit the more we can stretch.
- Enough values to be interested in game – varies based on position, vul, etc.
- More values needed than when we have a fit.
- 3NT is to play!

Opener's Rebid After a New Suit by Responder

- Raise with Hx or 3+card support.
- Simple raise with minimum, Jump raise with maximum.
- With 4-card support and shortness – Splinter.
- Rebid Opening Suit with minimum and poor fit (singleton or void) for Responder's suit.
- Rebid NT or a new suit with a maximum and a poor fit (singleton or void) for Responder's suit.
 - A new suit does not show 4+cards, it shows an honor in that suit – promises strength not length.

2-Level Jump Overcall

- When partner makes a weak jump overcall at the 2-level, we need to have agreements about the meaning of partner's bids. One simple approach is to treat it like partner opened a preempt and recycle all our agreements.

Vs. Interference

- Double is penalty
- 2NT remains Asking – same as other agreements
- Cuebid Asks for a Stopper
- McCabe vs. the Opponent's Takeout Double