Cardiff Bridge Tutors

How to use Weak Twos

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2*	





Weak Twos and Strong Twos.

When we learn Acol we are taught the Strong Two method ie to open at the two level when we have the following points and/or shape:-

For Balanced hands

o 20-22 HCP Open 2NT

For Distributional hands

o 20-22 HCP Open two of your longest suit

8 playing tricks in own hand
 Open two of your longest suit

○ 23+ HCP Open 2♣

However, these hands don't occur very often and so the concept of weak twos developed.

Weak twos are a pre emptive bid giving us pre empts up to the four level.

There are two common systems available:

• Benjaminised Acol (Benji Acol) where you play weak twos in the majors

- 2♣ shows a strong two in any suit
- o 2 ◆ shows 23+ HCP
- · Weak twos in three suits
 - 2♣ shows either 23+ or a strong two

Benji Acol allows you to play weak twos in the major suits but Modern Acol now suggests Weak twos in the majors and • suits and that is what we shall look at now.

Why in three suits?

We bid weak twos in ◆s, ♥s, and ♠s.

We reserve 2* to indicate that we have a strong two hand (either 23+ or a strong two in a suit).

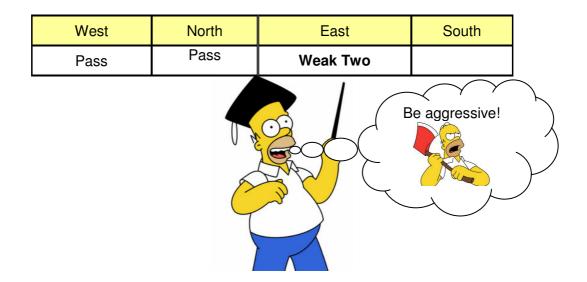
What do I need to bid a Weak two?

Above all you need:-

- Suit Quality
 - o At least two honours Queen and Jack are a minimum
- Length
 - Six cards in a suit
- Points
 - 0 8-11
 - minimum if non vulnerable
 - More if vulnerable
- No 4 card major
- No more than one Singleton
- No Void

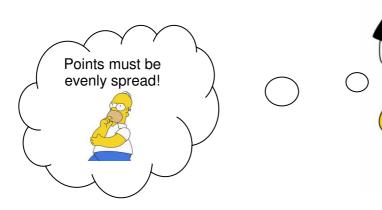
If your LTC shows 7 or less then open at the one level.

However, if you are in the third seat after two passes then be more aggressive and bid with poorer suit quality.



Never bid a weak two in the fourth seat after 3 passes!

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Pass	Pass	Pass	Never



What are we trying to achieve in the auction?

Remember!

A Two is pre emptive

You are trying to make life difficult for the opposition

Responding to a Weak Two. (2 ♦ 2 ♥ or 2 ♠)

1. When you have two or more cards in the suit.

Use the Losing Trick Count assuming 8 losers for a weak two.

2. When you are weak with no support.

Pass unless you can pre empt at the three or four level with a suit of your own.

3. When you are strong with a suit of your own.

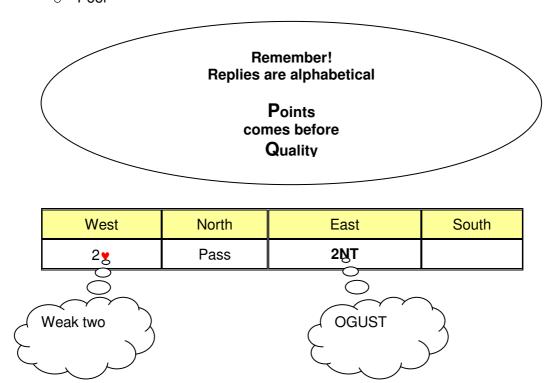
Bid it!

4. When you are strong with 15+ points

You use the Ogust convention!

A bid of 2NT asking opener to describe the Points and Quality of their hand.

- Points (strength)
 - o Strong is 9-10
 - o Weak is 8
- Quality
 - o Good is two from top three honours
 - o Poor



Ogust explained.

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
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Bid	Points	Quality
3♣	Weak 8	Weak Q J
3♦	Weak 8	Strong AK or KQ
3♥	Strong 9-10	Weak Q J
3♠	Strong 9-10	Strong AK or KQ

Remember!
Replies are alphabetical

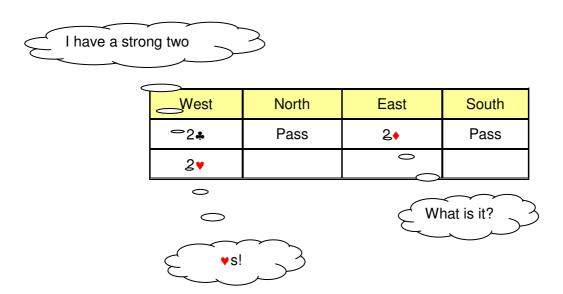
Points before Quality

Show Weak before Strong Weak: Weak Weak: Strong Strong: Weak Strong:Strong

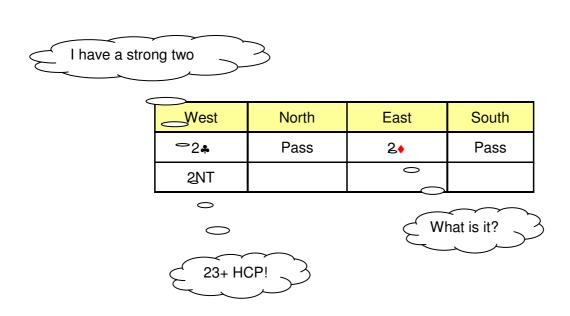
What if I have a strong two?

You show a strong two by bidding 2.

Partner relays with 2 • and then opener shows the strong two suit.

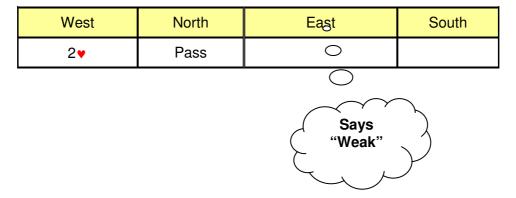


What if I have a 23+?



Alerting and Announcing.

After your Partner opens a weak two you must announce "Weak".



Ogust must be alerted.

