

2/1 Game Forcing & Invitational Hands with Long Suits

When playing 2/1 Game Force, the **invitational hands (11-12 points) with 6+ card suits can no longer be included in Responder's 2/1 response** because they are not strong enough to qualify for a game force. Prior to playing two over one game forcing, an invitational hand with a long suit was bid by responding with an immediate 2/1 response and then repeating the suit at responder's second bid:

North	South	North	South	North	South
1♦	2♣	1♥	2♦	1♠	2♥
2♦	3♣	2♥	3♦	2♠	3♥

However, these hands can no longer be handled by bidding and rebidding the suit – because the initial 2/1 response creates a complete game force.

Playing 2/1 game forcing these responding hands of game invitational strength (11-12 points) and 6+ card suits are now handled by responding a jump-shift at the three-level.

North	South	
1♦	3♣	= Invitational

South
♠ K 3
♥ A 2
♦ 9 8 3
♣ K 10 8 6 4 2

North	South	
1♥	3♣/3♦	= Invitational

South	South
♠ 8 4	♠ 9 4
♥ J 8	♥ A 4
♦ A 10 8	♦ K 8 7 6 4 2
♣ A 10 8 5 3 2	♣ K 7 4

North	South	
1♠	3♣/3♦/3♥	= Invitational

South	South	South
♠ 9 7	♠ 6 3	♠ 8 4
♥ 9 4	♥ K 4	♥ A Q 10 6 3 2
♦ K J 8	♦ A J 9 8 4 2	♦ K 10 8
♣ A Q 10 9 8 4	♣ Q 9 3	♣ J 7

2/1 Game Forcing & Soloway Strong Jump Shifts

When playing 2/1 Game Force, Soloway Strong Jump Shifts allow Responder to show the following hands:

- One of three types of hand shapes:
 - Strong Single-Suited Unbalanced Hand: 6+ Card Suit 7+ tricks
 - Strong Balanced Hand : 5-3-3-2 or 6-3-2-2 (17 points plus)
 - Strong Two-Suited Unbalanced Hand: At least 5-4 (xx).
 **The second suit must be Opener's bid suit.

North South
1♣ 2♦

South	
♠	A K Q J 10 9 8
♥	A
♦	10 9 8
♣	J 3 2
Rebid Spades	

North South
1♣/1♦ 2♥/2♠

South	
♠	A K Q J 10
♥	A 4
♦	K 8 6
♣	9 8 3
Rebid Notrump	

North South
1♥ 2♠

South	
♠	A K Q J 8
♥	A 8
♦	K J 8 2
♣	K 2
Rebid Opener's Suit	

Responder's rebid at his second turn shows the specific type of Soloway Jump Shift:

- Responder will either rebid his strong one suit (7+ tricks),
- Rebid NT with the balanced hand and 5 or 6-card suit, or
- Support Opener's original suit with the two-suited hand.