

Bill Wheeler's Bidding Course

2C → 22+ Points; Artificial Strong Bid

Types of Distributions

Hand 1 One Suiter; 6 cards.

Hand 2 Two Suiter; 5-5 distribution.

Hand 3 One and One-half suiters; 6-4 distribution.

Hand 4 Quasi No Trump; 5-4 distribution.

Hand 5 Three suiter; 4-4-4-1 distribution.

Hand 1

(22 HCP)

♠ AK9832

♥ KQ

♦ QJ

♣ AQJ

Hand 2

(23 HCP)

♠ KJT98

♥ AKQ32

♦ AQ

♣ A

Hand 3

(21 HCP but have 8-1/2 Quick Tricks)

♠ AQJT3 → AQ=1.5 Q.T.

♥ A

♦ AKQJ92

♣ 7

Hand 4

♠ AQ982

♥ AQ74

♦ A2

♣ AQ

Hand 5

♠ AJT9

♥ AKQ3

♦ A842

♣ A

Responses to 2C Opener

2♥ 0-2 points (bad 3 eg 3 jacks) → Bust Hand

2♦ 3+ points → Forcing to game

2S 3-7 points; 5 cards in Spades

2N 3-7 points; 5 cards in Hearts – Alertable (5+ Hearts)

3C 8+ points; 5 Clubs; 2/3 honors

3D 8+ Points; 5 Diamonds; 2/3 honors

3H 8+ points; 5 cards in Hearts with 2/3 top honors

3S 8+ points; 5 cards in Spades with 2/3 top honors

Type of hands you might encounter as a Responder

Hand 1

(3 PTS)

♠ J9876

♥ J54

♦ J32

♣ 32

Hand 2

(6 PTS)

♠ K98

♥ J9876

♦ JT9

♣ J2

Hand 3

(8 PTS)

♠ J3

♥ K2

♦ QT987

♣ Q987

Hand 4

(11 PTS)

♠ KQ3

♥ J54

♦ K98

♣ Q652

Hand 5

(14 PTS)

♠ A864

♥ K753

♦ KJ3

♣ K6

Hand 6

(17 PTS)

♠ Q

♥ QJ

♦ KJ2

♣ AKJ9876

Typical Hands You Might Encounter

When you are in a 2C auction --- constantly keep counting points so that you can arrive at the correct contract.

Hand 1

Opener

Responder

♠ AKT832

♠ 97654

♥ KQ

♥ 952

♦ K2

♦ QJ43

♣ AQJ

♣ 3

Bidding

Op

Res

2♣

2♦

2♠

4♠

Hand 2

Opener

Responder

♠ AQJ832

♠ K76

♥ KQ

♥ 952

♦ K2

♦ QJ43

♣ AQJ

♣ 983

Bidding

Op

Res

2♣

2♦ (3+ PTS)

2♠

4♠

Hand 3

Opener

♠ **AQJ8**
♥ **KQT73**
♦ **A5**
♣ **AQ**

Responder

♠ **K2**
♥ **J9852**
♦ **QJ43**
♣ **J8**

Bidding

Op

2♣

3♥

5♣ (4 controls)

Res

2NT (7-9 PTS)

4NT

6♥ → a reasonable slam

Hand 4

Opener

♠ **A**
♥ **KQT**
♦ **AKT92**
♣ **AQJ7**

Responder

♠ **K76**
♥ **A52**
♦ **QJ43**
♣ **T83**

Bidding

Op

2♣

3♦

5♣ (1430)

All Pass

Res

2♦ (Forcing to at least game)

4NT(ace asking)

6NT