



Note: Responder is not interested in 3NT, or they would have bid 2NT asking for opener's hand type.

**Special Sequences:**

**1) Shortness Asking Bid**

<u>Opener</u>		<u>Responder</u>	
1 m		1 M	
2 M		2 NT	
<b>3 D</b>	unbal. max	<b>3 OM</b>	Asks for shortness

Opener's responses:

- 3S** short in Clubs
- 3N** short in other major

Responder can ask how short the suit is by making the next step bid up-the-line. Opener shows 0 or 1 in the suit by using the next two bids up the line.

Eg:

<u>Opener</u>		<u>Responder</u>	
1 D		1 H	
2 H		<b>2 NT</b>	Asks hand type
<b>3 D</b>	unbal. Max	<b>3 S</b>	Asks for shortness
<b>4 C</b>	short Spades	<b>4 D</b>	How short
<b>4 H</b>	void in Spades		

Now 4NT by responder is Keycard for the agreed major.

## Dragon 3 Clubs

When playing that a 2NT response to a major suit opening shows a balanced hand with 13-15 or 19+, opener sometimes needs to obtain more information.

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	
1 M	2NT	balanced 13-15 or 19+

Opener re-bids as follows:

**3 Clubs** (Asks hand type)

Responses:

3 D	3 card support for opener's major
3 H	13 -14 hcp, balanced, < 3 of the major
3 S	14 -15 hcp, balanced, < 3 of the major
3 NT	19+ hcp, balanced, < 3 of the major

**New Suit** (Natural - reverses are off)

Responses:

3 of the 1 <sup>st</sup> major	3 - card support
New suit	cue-bid in support of 2 <sup>nd</sup> suit

**3 of the Major** (6+ card suit, slammish, asks responder to cue-bid)

**3 NT** (To Play)

**4 of the Major** (To Play)

## Dragon Defence to Polish Club

The Polish club system uses a multi-purpose 1 C bid for several meanings:

- 12 – 15 hcp, balanced
- 12 – 18 hcp, 4 - 4 - 1 - 4, singleton diamond
- 16 – 18 hcp, 5+ clubs and 4 - card major
- 19+ hcp, any distribution

Most of the time, this bid will be a weak no trump (12-15 hcp, balanced). The defenders must have a conventional defence that both interferes with the auction and yet allows for game contracts to be found.

1 Club                      Polish Club

### Overcaller's Bids

Double	12+ hcp, balanced
1 D	Transfer to Hearts
1 H	Transfer to Spades
1 S	Transfer to Clubs
1 N	Transfer to Diamonds
2 level bids	Lowest of two touching suits (DONT)
2 NT	minors

### Special Sequences:

#### Responses after Transfer to a Major

1 NT	Constructive Raise (8-10 hcp, 3+ card support)
2 C	Limit+ raise <u>or</u> any forcing hand
2 of major	< 8 hcp, 3+ card support

#### Responses after Transfer to a Minor

Bid intervening suit              Opening bid with super-accept in the minor

#### Responses after 1C - Double (12+ hcp, balanced)

1 D	Stayman
1 H	5+ Hearts
1 S	5+ Spades
1 NT	natural
2 of a minor	natural, invitational
2 of a major	pre-emptive

Note: If they bid 1D over the double, Double by 4<sup>th</sup> seat is Stayman, as above

## Canadian 2 Diamonds

The Canadian 2D is a hybrid of the Mexican 2D. It shows 19-21 hcp, balanced and is artificial.

2 D (20 – 21 hcp, balanced)

### Responses:

2 H	Relay to 2NT (continuations below)
2 S	Transfer to Clubs
2 N	Transfer to Diamonds
3 C	x-x-5-5, non-forcing
3 D	x-x-5-5, game-forcing
3 H	3-1-4-5 or 3-1-5-4, game-forcing
3 S	1-3-4-5 or 1-3-5-4, game-forcing
3 N	Wants to play 3NT from responder's side
4 C	Gerber
4 D	Transfer (on in competition)
4 H	Transfer (on in competition)
4 N	RKC for Diamonds

### Special Sequences:

#### After responder has relayed partner to 2NT (2D - 2H - 2N)

Responder bids as follows:

Pass	Wants to play 2NT
3 C	Puppet Stayman
3 D	Transfer to Hearts
3 H	Transfer to Spades
3 S	Minor Suit Stayman (slammish)
3 N	Wanted opener to play 3NT

#### Opponents Double the 2 H Relay Bid (2D - P - 2H - Double)

Opener bids as follows:

Pass	No stopper in Hearts
Rdbl	4+ Hearts, willing to play 2H doubled
2NT	Stopper in Hearts, but wants to play in No Trump

#### Opponents Overcall in Direct Seat with 2 of a Major

Responder bids as follows: Use Lebensohl

**Opponents Overcall 2S after the 2H Relay Bid (2D - P - 2H - 2S)**

Opener bids as follows:

Pass	No Stopper in Spades (Responder uses Lebensohl)
Double	4+ Spades
2NT	Stopper in Spades, but wants to play No Trump

**Other Sequences:**

Puppet Stayman after a relay to 2NT

With a slammish 5-5 in the majors, transfer to Hearts, then bid Spades.

With a non-slammish 5-5 in the majors, transfer to Spades, then bid Hearts

## GForce

This convention was created by Fred Gitelman and is explained in the articles "Improving 2/1 Game Force" at [www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com)

In his first article, he suggested using a natural, game-forcing 2NT response to a major suit opening bid. In the third article, he further suggests using the cheapest jump shift (1H-2S and 1S-3C) as a forcing raise of the major suit that was opened (the hand you would normally bid Jacoby 2NT with). The emphasis is on opener describing his hand (strength, trump length, shortness).

Note: The actual sequence of bids is identical for both auctions, but they are presented separately here for clarity.

### Case 1: A Forcing Raise in Hearts

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	
1 H	2 S	Forcing Raise in Hearts (artificial)

Opener re-bids as follows:

2 N	5 (3 3 2), maximum hcp
3 C	Any minimum (except 6H, balanced)
3 D	5 Hearts, maximum hcp, unbalanced
3 H	6 Hearts, maximum hcp, balanced
3 S	6 Hearts, maximum hcp, short Spades
3 N	*** bid does not exist ***
4 C	6 Hearts, maximum hcp, short Clubs
4 D	6 Hearts, maximum hcp, short Diamonds
4 H	6 Hearts, minimum hcp, balanced

### Case 2: A Forcing Raise in Spades

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	
1 S	3 C	Forcing Raise in Spades (artificial)

Opener re-bids as follows:

3 D	Any minimum (except 6S, balanced)
3 H	5 Spades, maximum hcp, unbalanced
3 S	6 Spades, maximum hcp, balanced
3 N	5 (3 3 2), maximum hcp
4 C	6 Spades, maximum hcp, short Clubs
4 D	6 Spades, maximum hcp, short Diamonds
4 H	6 Spades, max hcp, short Hearts
4 S	6 Spades, maximum hcp, balanced

Note: As you can see, the meaning for each response is identical for both auctions.

### **Special Sequences:**

#### **Opener shows a Minimum (1H-2S or 1S-3C)**

When opener has shown a minimum hand, responder can ask by bidding the next suit up the line.

Eg: 1H - 2S - 3C - 3D or 1S - 3C - 3D - 3H

Opener shows re-bids as follows:

Cheapest bid	6 card suit, min hcp, unbalanced
New suit	5 card major, short in suit bid
3 N	5 (3 3 2), min hcp
4 H	5 (3 3 2), no interest in No Trump

Note: To inquire about opener's shortness, responder makes the next bid up-the-line. Opener bids the short suit (or 3NT to show Spades in the Heart auction).

#### **Opener shows an Unbalanced Hand with a 5-card Major**

When opener has shown a 5-card major with an unbalanced hand, responder can ask for the shortness by making the next bid up-the-line.

Eg: 1H - 2S - 3D - 3H or 1S - 3C - 3H - 3S

Opener responds by bidding the short suit.

Note: This auction is also the same if opener has shown a 5-card major with a minimum hand.