

HexagonBridge | History

In opening bids, past standard 1-level openings, we use 2 level bids to convey hands such as weak major, 2 suited hands, strong GF hands, strong balanced hands and often with various compromises. Many of the bids and follow up bidding sequences need to be memorized. Another problem area for an average player is how to handle shapely hands such as 4441, 5540, game force 2 suited hands and differentiating between a very strong single suited hand and game force single suited hands.

Hexagon is a bidding convention that communicates such variety of hands in a natural, logical and easy to remember way with a logical sequence of bidding that once logic is understood, it is easy to remember and implement.

Hexagon is based on Myxomatosis which was introduced by Dr Bob Sebesfi in 1976 and number of variations that were introduced by others such as Sean Bentley and John Sfinias.

The final convention as per following format was introduced by Australian Bijan Assaee. Each 2 level suit bid covers one of 6 options, hence name Hexagon.

2C = C 8 ½+ tricks, weak D, 17+ 4441/5440 singleton/void D, H-S 5-10hcp, H-S GF, 18-19 balance

2D = D 8 ½+ tricks, weak H, 17+ 4441/5440 singleton/void H, C-S 5-10hcp, C-S GF, 20-21 balance

2H = H 8 ½+ tricks, weak S, 17+ 4441/5440 singleton/void S, C-D 5-10hcp, C-D GF, 22-23 balance

2S = S 8 ½+ tricks, weak C, 17+ 4441/5440 singleton/void C, H-D 5-10hcp, H-D GF, 24-25 balance

2NT = S-D or H-C 5-10hcp, S-D or H-C GF, 26+ balanced

3C = Single suited or 3 suited GF

3D = Pre-empt transfer to 3H

3H = Pre-empt transfer to 3S

3S = Gambling 3NT

3NT = Minor suit pre-empt

Response sequence to the 2 suited bids is very easy, logical and will identify precise nature of the hand. One in four hands (combined E-W & N-S) fall in category of above opening so it has a very high overall % usage.

In comparison to other multi2 openings, Hexagon is very effective and often makes it more difficult for opponents to come into bidding or if they don't deploy an effective defence, they could get into real hot waters.