

## Opening and Responding to 2♣

An opening 2♣ bid shows either 23+ points, or slightly fewer points with game in your own hand.

♠ A K Q	
♥ A K 6 5	
♦ K J 2	
♣ A 4 3	(24pts)

♠ 2	
♥ A K Q J 2	
♦ A K	
♣ K Q J 10 9	(23pts)

♠ K Q J 10 8 5	
♥ K Q J 10 7	
♦ A Q	
♣ --	(18pts)

## Responding to 2♣

- With 0-7 points respond 2♦ (but make a positive response with 7pts consisting of an ace and a king – not necessarily in the same suit)
- With 8+ points respond 2NT - or 2 of your own good 5+ card suit (but with 8-9pts respond 2♦ if you have **no aces and no kings**)

♠ J 10 9 8 6 5 ♥ 10 8 5 ♦ 8 4 2 ♣ 4 (1pt)	2♦
♠ A K 9 8 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 8 4 3 2 ♣ 9 8 4 (9pts)	2NT
♠ 9 3 2 ♥ K Q J 10 4 ♦ K 4 3 2 ♣ 2 (9pts)	2♥

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		2♣	P	2♦	P
		2NT	P	3NT	P
		P	P		
♠ A K 6 4	N W        E S	♠ 10 5 2			
♥ A K 6		♥ 10 9			
♦ K 5 4		♦ Q J 7 2			
♣ A Q 3 (23pts)		♣ 10 9 8 7 (3pts)			
2♣ : 2♦					
2NT (23-24)					
2♣ : 2♦					
3NT (25-27)					

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		2♣	P	2♦	P
		2NT	P	P	P
♠ A K 6 4	N W        E S	♠ 10 5 2			
♥ A K 6		♥ 10 9			
♦ K 5 4		♦ J 7 2			
♣ A Q 3 (23pts)		♣ 10 9 8 7 (1pt)			

Apart from this exact bidding sequence an opening 2♣ is **Game Forcing**

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		2♣	P	2♦	P
		2NT	P	3♣	P
		3♥	P	4♥	P
♠ A K 6 ♥ A K 6 5 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ A Q 3 (23pts)	N W        E S	♠ 10 5 3 ♥ Q J 4 2 ♦ 7 2 ♣ 10 9 8 7 (3pts)			

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		2♣	P	2♦	P
		2NT	P	3♥	P
		4♥	P	P	P
♠ A K 6 2 ♥ A K 6 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ A Q 3 (23pts)	N W        E S	♠ 10 5 ♥ Q J 9 4 2 ♦ 7 2 ♣ 10 9 8 7 (3pts)			

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		2♣	P	2♦	P
		2NT	P	3♦*	P
		3♥	P	3NT	P
		4♥	P	P	P
♠ A K 6 2 ♥ A K 6 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ A Q 3 (23pts)	W	N	E	S	♠ 10 5 ♥ Q J 9 4 2 ♦ 7 2 ♣ 10 9 8 7 (3pts)

\*=Transfer

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		2♣	P	2♦	P
		2♠	P	2NT	P
		3♥	P	3♠	P
		4♠	P	P	P
♠ K Q J 10 6 ♥ A K Q 10 2 ♦ A Q ♣ 2 (21pts)	W	N	E	S	♠ 9 8 3 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ 10 8 7 5 (1pt)

2♣ : 2♦ (0-7)  
2♠ : 2NT (0-2) Double Negative  
Any other rebid shows 3-7pts

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		2♣	P	2♦	P
		2♠	P	3♣	P
		4NT	P	5♦	P
		6♣	P	P	P
♠ A K Q 6 2 ♥ 4 ♦ A K ♣ K Q J 10 3 (22pts)	W	N E S	♠ 10 5 ♥ J 10 8 ♦ 7 6 3 2 ♣ A 9 7 2 (5pts)		

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		2♣	P	2♥	P
		3♥	P	4♥	P
		4NT	P	5♦	P
		6♥	P	P	P
♠ A K Q 9 2 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ 2 ♣ A K Q J (22pts)	W	N E S	♠ 10 5 ♥ A Q 9 8 6 ♦ K 6 3 2 ♣ 10 9 (9pts)		

DLR: West		W	N	E	S
		2♣	P	2NT	P
		3♠	P	4♠	P
		4NT	P	5♦	P
		6♠	P	P	P
♠ A K Q 9 2 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ 2 ♣ A K Q J (22pts)	N W E S	♠ 10 5 3 ♥ A Q 9 8 ♦ K 6 3 2 ♣ 10 9 (9pts)			

## Responding to 2♣

- With 0-7 points respond 2♦
- With 8+ points respond 2NT - or 2 of your own good 5+ card suit
- A popular alternative is to **always** respond 2♦ – this is called **2♦ waiting**, as often opener is not that interested in your suit, and this keeps the bidding lower.