

LESSON 10 OPENING 2 CLUBS

You should open 2C with any hand that has 23 points or has strength to be game forcing (not necessarily 23 points).

In English the bid says I have a game forcing hand, we must bid to game unless I re-bid 2NT showing 23 points balanced, with no points in your hand you can leave me there.

To make this bid without 23 points you should have 10 tricks in your own hand.

Responder should keep bidding until game is reached. A response of 2D is negative saying I do not have 8 points or 1 ½ tricks

If opener re-bids with a suit responder can support that suit bid own long suit (5+) or bid 2NT (2nd negative).

That is the official Acol response to an opening of 2C.

I personally prefer responder to show a point count shown in steps.

2D = 0-3 points.

2H = 4-6 points

2S = 7-9 points

2NT = 10-12 points

3S = 13+ points