

LESSON 11 Strong Opening Suit Bids.

Opening strong 2 in Diamonds, Hearts and Spades.

This is a strong opening hand with 8/9 playing tricks and 17+ points.

The bid is saying I have 8 tricks in my hand with this suit as trumps.

It is forcing for 1 round. The negative reply is 2NT.

The rules for responder are exactly the same as for 2C openings i.e. you need 8 points or 1 ½ tricks to make positive bid.

After negative 2NT If opener re bids opening suit responder does not need to bid but should try to do so with 5-7 points. Opener is only looking for 1 or 2 tricks.

If, after responders negative 2NT, opener bids a second suit this is forcing for one round.

Responder should give suit preference.