

## Convention: Mexican-Roman 2♦

**Situation:** Opening bid and responses

### Requirements:

#### *Hand Type 1*

1. 18-19 HCP
2. Balanced hand
3. 3 cards in any unstopped suit

#### *Hand Type 2*

1. 18-20 HCP
2. 4-4-4-1 or 5-4-4-0 distribution
3. No A, K, or Q in the suit with a singleton

*Most hands opened 2♦ will be balanced, but when opener does have a 3-suited hand, opener has enough to make game opposite a responder with a 4-card major and 3-4 total points.*

### Bidding Sequences:

Basic sequence: 2♦-relay bid

*After opener bids 2♦*

#### **RESPONDER MUST PASS OR TRANSFER**

- Pass Weak, 5+ diamonds
- 2♥ Transfer to spades or to initiate a transfer to clubs
- With a game forcing hand and 5 spades, responder retransfers by bidding 3♥
  - With 5+ clubs responder bids 2NT after opener's 2♠ to complete a club transfer
- 2♠ Relay to 2NT

With Hand Type 2, opener ignores the transfer and bids the short suit.

#### *Rebids*

- After opener rebids 3♣, responder passes (with a weak hand) or bids 4♣ as Roman keycard.
- After opener shows a 3-suited hand, responder's 4 level bid of the short suit is regular Blackwood; a follow-up bid of 5 of the short suit asks for kings

### Additional Notes:

After opener rebids 2NT, responder uses Puppet Stayman to reach a game contract