

Convention: Omnibus 2NT (modified responses)

Situation: After opener bids a major, a forcing response showing either: (a) a forcing balanced hand and 2-card support for partner's suit; or (b) 4+ support for partner's suit and no void or singleton

Requirements:

Responder needs:

1. 13+ HCP
2. Balanced hand
3. No 5-card major and preferably no 5-card minor
4. 2 or 4+ cards in support of partner

Bidding Sequences:

Basic sequence: 1M - 2NT

Opener's second bid

3♣ 16-18 HCP—Does not deny a 4-card major; says nothing about clubs.

Responder's second bid, in response to 3♣

3♦ 16-18 HCP—Does not deny a 4-card major suit; is slam invitational; says nothing about diamonds.

ALL OTHER BIDS AND RESPONSES ARE NATURAL

☞ Any bid other than 3♣ by opener shows no more than 15 HCP.

☞ Any bid other than 3♦ in response to 3♣ shows 13-15 HCP.

Additional Notes:

- Opener rebids a 6 card suit, but shows a 4 cards in the other major first.
- Bids beyond 3NT indicate support for the major and show first round control.
- If one partner shows slam interest after the other has denied more than a minimum, that partner has a maximum, 18+ playing points in support of a suit or 18+ HCP in support of NT.
- With a two suited hand with clubs and no interest in NT, opener must bid 4♣ in response to 2NT.
- After a strength showing sequence, responder bids at the 3-level in support of partner's major whenever possible.