

SAMPLE NON-GCC OPENING BID ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

Names: North East and South West

Team: Northwest

Event (USBC, USWBC, etc.)

USBC

Opening bid of 2♦ in all Seat at all vulnerabilities

Shows: an undisciplined weak 2 bid in one of the Majors (disciplined in 4th seat)

Detailed Description:

We frequently open 2♦ on hands with a 5 card Major, as long as the suit is not terrible. We almost never have a 7 card suit. We can have a side 5 or 6 card minor if our suit is hearts but tend not to have a side 5⁺ card minor if our suit is spades. We can have a side void. We rarely open 2♦ with 5 spades and 4 hearts. We can have outside defense, but can choose not to open with a weak 5 card suit and side cards. We have a sounder hand in 2nd seat vulnerable. In 4th seat, we will have a decent (2/top 3 honors) 6 card suit.

Responses and Rebids in Uncontested auctions

With what hands will responder pass the opening bid?

We pass the opening bid either with long diamonds **or** with a weak hand with a very short (0-1) Major and 4 diamonds.

Meanings of other responses and rebids:

2♦-(P)-2M is Pass or Correct. We generally bid as high as we are willing to play in our shorter Major, so 2♠ usually has heart length. However, because our 3m bids are ART, we may bid 2 of our long Major with a weak hand with length in a minor, in order to play in our minor if opener's suit is our shorter Major.

2♦-(P)-2NT asks for suit and strength. Opener will expect an invitational⁺ hand.

2♦-(P)-3♣ shows hearts and asks opener about heart length.

2♦-(P)-3♦ shows spades and asks opener about spade length.

2♦-(P)-3M & 2♦-(P)-4♥ are P/C and suggest at least equal length in the unbid Major.

Other responses are NAT.

Competitive Agreements

Responses after opponent's DBL (including Pass, RDBL and expected follow-ups)

After 2♦-(DBL), P is to play, and suggests long diamonds, but opener may bid the Major with 0 or 1 diamond and a good 6-card Major. RDBL asks opener to bid 2♥ so responder can set trump.

Other bids are as after 2♦-(P)

Responses after an opponent's overcall:

2♦-(2M NAT)-3m is NAT

Other bids are same as out of competition

DBL of a Major suit overcall through 4♥ is P/C

DBL of any minor suit overcall or any bid of 4♠ or higher is PEN

Rebids after 4th hand DBLs the response:

2♦-(P)-2♥-(DBL): Opener always passes

2♦-(P)-2♠-(DBL): P = spades; other bids show hearts and describe opener's hand

2♦-(P)-2NT-(DBL): P = ♠s, BAL, MAX, 5 card suit; RDBL = ♥s, BAL, MAX, 5 card suit; other bids as without the DBL.

Rebids after 4th hand overcalls:

2♦-(P)-2♥-(any): Opener always passes; Responder's DBL of ♥s is P/C, of ♠s is PEN

2♦-(P)-2♠ or 2NT-(any bid through 3♥): P = ♠s, DBL = ♥s