

# Cardiff Bridge Tutors

## How to use Weak Twos

West	North	East	South
1NT	Pass	2♣	

Weak!





## Why in three suits?

We bid weak twos in ♦s, ♥s, and ♠s.

We reserve 2♣ to indicate that we have a strong two hand (either 23+ or a strong two in a suit).

## What do I need to bid a Weak two?

Above all you need:-

- Suit Quality
  - At least two honours - **Queen and Jack are a minimum**
- Length
  - Six cards in a suit
- Points
  - 8 - 11
    - minimum if non vulnerable
    - More if vulnerable
- No 4 card major
- No more than one Singleton
- No Void

If your LTC shows 7 or less then open at the one level.

However, if you are in the third seat after two passes then be more aggressive and bid with poorer suit quality.

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Pass	Pass	<b>Weak Two</b>	

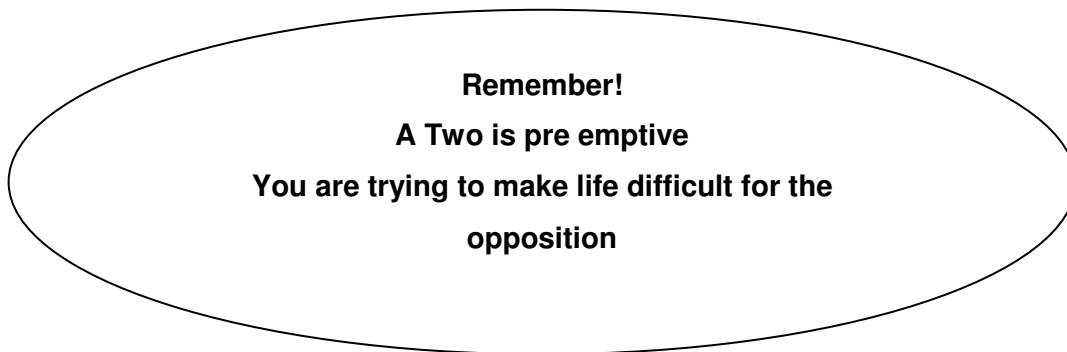


**Never bid a weak two in the fourth seat after 3 passes!**

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>Never</b>



**What are we trying to achieve in the auction?**



## Responding to a Weak Two. (2♦ 2♥ or 2♠)

### 1. When you have two or more cards in the suit.

Use the Losing Trick Count assuming 8 losers for a weak two.

### 2. When you are weak with no support.

Pass unless you can pre-empt at the three or four level with a suit of your own.

### 3. When you are strong with a suit of your own.

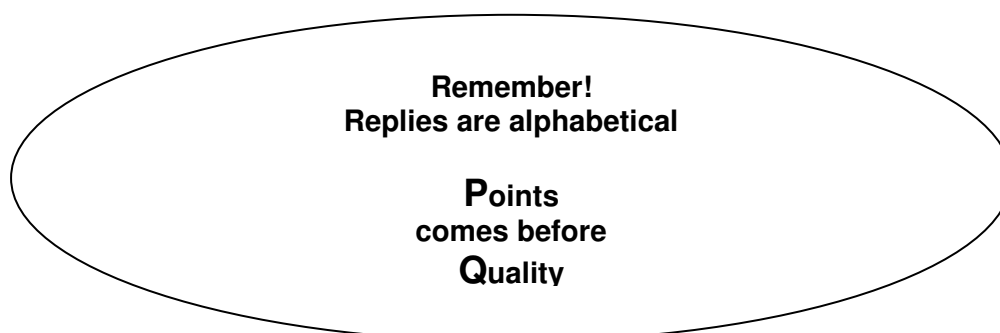
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### 4. When you are strong with 15+ points

You use the Ogust convention!

A bid of 2NT asking opener to describe the Points and Quality of their hand.

- Points (strength)
  - Strong is 9-10
  - Weak is 8
- Quality
  - Good is two from top three honours
  - Poor



West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	2NT	

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Weak two

OGUST

Ogust explained.

West	North	East	South
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
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Bid	Points	Quality
3♣	Weak 8	Weak Q J
3♦	Weak 8	Strong AK or KQ
3♥	Strong 9-10	Weak Q J
3♠	Strong 9-10	Strong AK or KQ

**Remember!**  
**Replies are alphabetical**  
  
**Points before Quality**  
  
**Show Weak before Strong**  
**Weak: Weak**  
**Weak: Strong**  
**Strong: Weak**  
**Strong:Strong**

## What if I have a strong two?

You show a strong two by bidding 2♣.

Partner relays with 2♦ and then opener shows the strong two suit.

I have a strong two

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥			

What is it?

♥s!

## What if I have a 23+?

I have a strong two

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT			

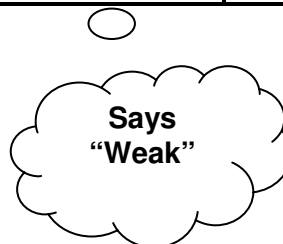
What is it?

23+ HCP!

## Alerting and Announcing.

After your Partner opens a weak two you must announce "Weak".

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2♥	Pass	○	



Ogust must be alerted.

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT			

