

HANDOUT FOR SEMINAR 3

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT BIDDING -STRONG MULTI 2D WEAK 2s in the Majors

STRONG MULTI 2D

Opening 2D has 2 meanings (and nothing necessarily to do with Ds – ALERT!!!)

1. 19-20 points and a flat hand
2. 19-22 points and a long minor (6 cards plus).

How does the bidding proceed in each case?

The responder bids 2H (ALERT – nothing necessarily to do with Hs)
It is a RELAY bid saying to partner – okay, describe your hand to me some more please?

Opener then rebids their hand:

Either: 2NT – balanced 19/20

Or: Bids their minor – at least 6 in length – 19-22 pts unbalanced

If partner rebids 2NT:

Use Puppet Stayman style answers (no jumps for point count)

Eg. 2D – (2H) – 2NT – (3C) (Stayman) – 3D (4 card major held) – (3H) (I hold 4Ss and may hold 4Hs) – 3NT (I was holding Hs) – (4H) (I had Hs as well ...)

If partner rebids 2NT:

Use Transfers to MAJORS ONLY(including Hs)

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Responder will be declarer in eg 2

Best to describe your hand

Weak 2 opening bids 2H or 2S

- I hold 6 cards in the suit
- I have 6 to 10 points
- This suit will look no worse than Q 10 at the top.

How do you respond?

LTT – bid to your trump number. (shade if VUL)

If you hold 4 of the weak 2 suit – bid game straight away to cut out ops.

Particularly if you are weak and it seems likely game is on for ops

Particularly if the suit is spades.

If you hold 14+ points – use OGUST

Bid 2NT – ALERT – asked opener to describe the Weak 2 suit in more detail

Replies are:

3C – 6 to 8 points – 1 top honour

3D – 6 to 8 points – 2 top honours

3H – 9 to 10 points – 1 top honour

3S – 9 to 10 points – 2 top honours

3NT – all three top honours

What is a top honour?

AKQ

How do I remember OGUST replies?

Pretend to be a band leader ...

It's simply, a 1, a 2, a 1, 2, 3

The opening 2NT bid:

Use Puppet Stayman style answers (no jumps for points)

Eg. 2NT – (3C) (Stayman) – 3H (5 card Hs) – 3NT

Use transfers to MAJORS only.

Eg. 2NT – (3D) (transfer) – 3H – (3NT) (choose contract)

Semi-Pre-empting with a 7 card Minor

3C or 3D = 6-10 pts and a 7 card minor promising 2 of the top 3 honours.

Majors remain just 7 cards

Why is this a semi-pre-empt with a minor?

- Your p can use LTT and pre-empt higher if weak
- It is looking for 3NT with the right hand opposite.
- It makes life more difficult for ops
- Pre-empt as strong and as hard as you can – especially if non-vul against vul

BERGEN RAISES

Showing an agreed 9-card fit and point count early in the auction.

Partner opens 1 of a major, either 1H or 1S
The Bergen responses are based on LTT and are:

Opener bids 1H ...

Responder bids:

3H = weak 0-6 pts and 4 Hs

3C = 7-a poor 10 pts and 4 Hs

3D = good 10 – 12 and 4 Hs

2NT = 13+ pts and 4 Hs

Opener's rebids:

Add up your points and distribution

1H-3H-?

Unless you have a huge hand, PASS

1H-3C-?

Rebid of 3H – responder should forget game, even if you have 10 pts it is not enough. Trust your partner!

Rebid of 3D – I'm not sure about game if you have 9/10 bid game, if you have 7/8 bid 3H

Rebid of 4H – sign off – Game on, Slam off

1S – 3C - ?

Rebids:

3S = minimum opener, sign off

3D= invitational – go to game with 9-10. Bid 3S if 7/8.

1S – 3D - ?

3H = invitational. Go to game if you hold 11-12, sign off in 3S just 10

1H – 2NT - ?

3H = I have 17+ pts

3NT = I have 15-16 pts

4H = I was minimum opener. 12-14 pts. Unless you have heaps more, leave it in game.

4 of a new suit = 5 card suit with 6/5 shape.

Australian Bergen

Showing points in an 8 card fit

P opens 1H/1S and you hold points and only 3H/S – how do you show this?

1H-2H = 6-9 pts and 3 card support

1H-2S=10-12 pts and 3 card support

1S – 2S = 6-9 pts and 3 card support

1S – 3H = 10-12 pts and 3 card support

Have 13+ pts and 3 card support? FAKE IT!!

Bid another suit first, then show fit and strength by jumping.

Eg. 1H – fake bid if nec 2C – 2D – 3H show fit and strength. P now knows you have 3 card support.