

Module 22 – Revision of all Acol Strong 2 level Openers

1. Acol 2♦,♥ and♠ Openers and subsequent auctions
2. Acol 2NT Openers and subsequent auctions.
3. Acol 2♣ Opener and subsequent auctions
4. Playing 6 Hands

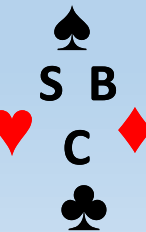
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Opening Hands with ≥ 20 HCP)

1. Lessons to date have discussed opening hands with ≤ 19 HCP
2. With ≥ 20 HCP equivalent type hands *you open the bidding at the 2 level* in ACOL (*Hence if your partner opens at the 2 level you know that you MAY respond with < 6 HCP as you can still have game on*)
3. There are 3 types of opening bids at the 2 level
 - $2\clubsuit$ opening bid (which we will discuss in the next 2 lessons)
 - $2\diamond$, $2\heartsuit$ and $2\spadesuit$ (which we will discuss in 3 lessons time)
 - 2NT opener





Strong 2 Opening Suit Bids (excluding 2♣)

1. These are **NATURAL** strong bids which have length in the suit bid
 - There is no exact point count, though typically they will have 8 top playing tricks and >16HCPs if in a single suit and virtually all top honours.
>19CPs with virtually all the honours if in two suits.
 - These hands *do not guarantee game* BUT are, *forcing for one round* so responder must bid
2. Since the **BID** is ***FORCING FOR 1 ROUND***, Responder must bid even with 0 HCPs
3. With few HCPs we use what is called a ***WAITING or RELAY BID*** i.e. Next suit up e.g. 2♥ over 2♦, 2♠ over 2♥ and 2NT over 2♠
4. Bidding a new suit (other than relay suit) promises at least a 5-card suit **AND** at least 1.5 Quick Tricks (A = 1QT and K=0.5QT)





Responding to a Strong 2 Suit Opener

Opening Bid	Bid
2♦, 2♥ or 2♠ Points required for: Game 25+HCPs Small Slam 33+HCPs Grand Slam 37+HCPs	Next Suit up (Relay Bid) denies 1.5 Quick Tricks(QT) A = 1QT and K = 0.5QT 2♥ over 2♦ } <1.5QT 2♠ over 2♥ } even with 2NT over 2♠ } 0 HCP
	Game Bid is shut out e.g. 4♥ over 2♥ Opener Support at Next level shows slam interest e.g 3♥ over 2♥
	Responding with a new suit requires: - A 5+ card suit and at least 1.5 QT (Quick Tricks). You must have 2 of the top 3 honours in the suit bid

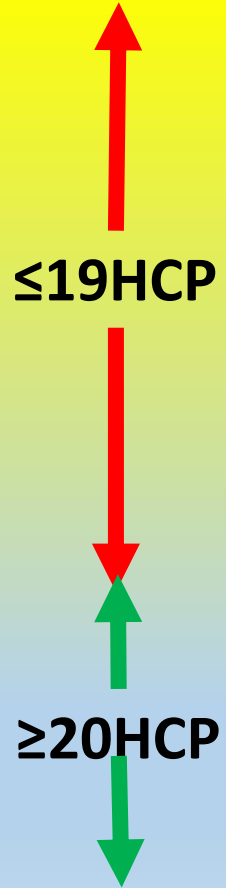




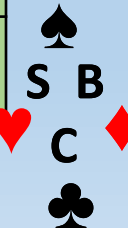
Opening with a Balanced Hand with ≥ 20 HCP)

A Balanced hand is 4432, 4333, 5332

Points(HCP)	Bid
12-14HCP	Open 1NT
15-19HCP Open 1 of your longest suit <i>Open highest ranking of 2 equal length suits but 1♥ with 2 × 4 card majors</i>	15-16HCP Rebid lowest level NT over partner's new suit response.
	17-18HCP Jump Rebid NT over partner's response.
	19HCP Rebid 3NT over partner's new suit response
20-22HCP	2NT
23-24HCP	Bid 2♣ and then 2NT over partner's response*
25-26HCP	Bid 2♣ and then 3NT over partner's response*



* We will cover 2♣ Opening Bids next week





Responding to a 2NT Opening Bid

Opening Bid	Bid
20-22HCP (balanced) 4-3-3-3, 5-3-3-2, 4-4-3-2 OR Semi-balanced 5-4-2-2 or 6-3-2-2	3♣ , Stayman, as over 1NT 3♦ - Denies any 4 card major 3♥ - Shows 4♥ but does not deny 4♠ 3♠ - Shows 4♠'s but denies 4♥'s Responder now decides whether to bid 4 of a major or 3NT
Points required for: Game 25+HCPs Small Slam 33+HCPs Grand Slam 37+HCPs	3♦, ♥ or ♠ : 5-card suit inviting game in that suit or 3NT 3NT : Sign-off in that game 4♥ or ♠ : 6 card suit and sign-off 5♣ or ♦ : 7-card suit and sign-off (<i>As rare as snow in June</i>)
	4NT : Inviting slam with balanced hand and 11-12HCP. 6NT : Sign-off with balanced hand and 13-14HCPs 7NT : 17-20HCP. Unlikely but possible



Responding to a Strong 2♣ Opener

Opening Bid	Responsive Bids
<p style="text-align: center;">2♣</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Balanced 23+HCP Hand OR Strong single or 2 Suited hand guaranteeing game</p> <p>Points required for: Small Slam 33+HCP Grand Slam 37+HCP</p>	<p>2♦ - Relay/Waiting Bid with few values not suitable for any of bids below</p>
	<p>2♥, 2♠, 3♣ and 3♦: 8+HCPs, 5+ card suit and at least 2 of the top 3 honours</p>
	<p>2NT: 10+HCP and a balanced hand. Opener now know they should be in a slam in NT or his/her suit <i>(A very rare bid)</i></p>

8 Playing Trick hands in ♣ Suit

Since, 2♣ is Conventional and forcing such 8 Trick clubs hands need to be treated with caution.

- Stronger Hands: Open 2♣ and over 2♦ relay/waiting bid then bid 3♣
- Weaker hands: Open 1♣ then bid 3♣



Rebids after an Acol 2♣ Opener (After 2♦ Response from Partner)

Opening Bid	Responsive Bids
<p style="text-align: center;">2♣</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Forcing to game (only one exception)</p> <p>Points required for: Small Slam 33+HCP Grand Slam 37+HCP</p>	<p>2NT: 23-24HCP and balanced hand Only if responder has 0/1HCPs can this be passed <i>Responses as 2NT openers knowing opener has 23/24HCPs</i></p> <p>3NT: 25/26HCPs and balanced hand</p>
	<p>2♥, 2♠, 3♣ and 3♦: Bid suits naturally knowing <i>responder cannot pass</i> until at least game level.</p> <p>Responder can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support with 3 cards - Bid own 5 card suit without support - Bid 2 or 3NT with balanced hand <p><i>Remember Opener may have a second suit to bid</i></p>



Module 22 – Review of 2 Level Opening Bids

6 Playing Hands

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Quiz 22

1. What would you open with the following hands and why

a)

♠ AKQJ102
♥ AJ6
♦ 94
♣ A5

2♠

Classic 2 opener
with 8PT and
19HCP

b)

♠ AK86
♥ A
♦ KQ753
♣ A42

1♦

In spite of 20HCPs
and unbalanced
not suitable for a
2 level bid

c)

♠ AQ
♥ K105
♦ AQJ94
♣ KJ6

2NT

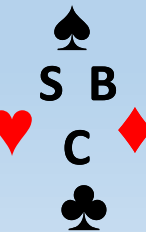
20HCPs and
balanced hand

d)

♠ 5
♥ KQJ1096
♦ AK4
♣ A85

2♥

Classic 2 opener
with 8PT and
17HCP



Quiz 22

2. You open 2♣ and partner responds 2♦, what do you rebid with these hands?

a)

♠ AQJ2
♥ KJ103
♦ AK
♣ AQ5

2NT

Promises 23/24HCPs and balanced hand. With ≤ 1 HCP this is the only bid responder can pass

b)

♠ KQ3
♥ AQJ10876
♦ AK
♣ A

2♥

Responder cannot pass until game is bid, so will still definitely get to 4♥, and if responder has more than min. then slam

c)

♠ AKJ1076
♥ KQJ102
♦ A
♣ 9

2♠

Again responder cannot pass until game is bid. Opener can show ♥s in next bid, and responder can choose best suit for game or slam

d)

♠ KQJ10
♥ AK3
♦ AQJ5
♣ AQ

3NT

Shows 25/26HCPs and balanced hand responder can decide if a slam may be on.





Quiz 22

3. W Opens 2♣, N and S pass throughout, what should the bidding auction be?

a)

♠ AK3	N	♠ 762
♥ KQJ5		♥ 985
♦ AQ	W	♦ 10932
♣ KJ83	S	♣ 754

2♣
2NT

2♦
Pass

b)

♠ AQ54	N	♠ 62
♥ AKJ3		♥ Q1074
♦ AQJ	W	♦ K982
♣ Q6	S	♣ 1053

2♣
2NT
3♥

2♦
3♣
4♥





Dealer: North

Vulnerability:

♠ AKQ1053

♥ AQ4

♦ 2 19pts

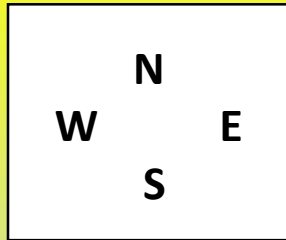
♣ A82

♠ 98

♥ 9752

♦ K97

♣ K765



♠ 62

♥ KJ103

♦ A864 8pts

♣ 1094

♠ J74

♥ 86

♦ QJ1053 7pts

♣ QJ3

6pts

Bidding: N has a 2♠ opening hand with 8 Playing Tricks and the top honours in the spade suit.

S should bid 4♠ with a 3 card spade suit.

Why look for anything else? There will be no slam on and you don't have a good suit, but can support a strong 2 opener with 3 cards and 7HCP

Lead: No good lead but suggests ♥7, unbid suit but high enough to indicate to partner that you don't have a good ♥ suit or honour.

Play: Lose ♥ finesse to ♥K but win return and immediately take out trumps taking 2nd heart trick in S and playing ♣Q and taking the club finesse which makes.

Declarer should make 10 tricks losing 1♥, 1♦ and 1♣

Bidding

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
2♠	p	4♠	All Pass

Deal 22.1





Dealer: East

Vulnerability:

4pts

♠ 6

♥ 1065

♦ J854

♣ QJ976

♠ 943

♥ J982

♦ K72

♣ 843

4pts

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AKQ752

♥ AKQ73

♦ A10

♣

22pts

♠ J108

♥ 6

♦ Q963 10pts

♣ AK1052

Bidding

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	2♣	p	2♦
p	2♠	p	3♥
p	6♥	All Pass	

Deal 22.2

Bidding: East with 2 very strong suits and 22HCP opens 2♣.

Indeed with a reasonable split of spades and hearts

E can assess that she only has one loser (a diamond trick)

After a negative 2♦ and opener's response of 2♠, West

can bid 3♥ showing her 4 card suit, knowing that after

the 2♣ opener the partnership can bid gradually to game

level (at the very least 4♠ since W has 3 spades).

East finding that W has at least a 4 card heart suit decides

to bid 6♥ being very confident they have at most only

1 diamond loser. Slams can be made with much <33HCPs

Experienced pairs may have the bidding armoury to bid

and make 7♥. *Slams can be made with much less than*

33HCPs with distributional hands

Lead: Lead ♣A which is immediately ruffed

Play: Straight forward 13 tricks after immediately taking out trumps.



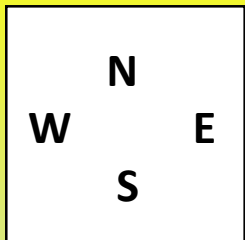


Dealer: South
 Vulnerability:

9pts

♠ 86
 ♥ KQJ82
 ♦ 106
 ♣ K863

♠ K5
 ♥ A73
 ♦ AKQ93
 ♣ AJ7



♠ A10743
 ♥ 96
 ♦ J75
 ♣ 1092

5pts

♠ QJ92
 ♥ 1054
 ♦ 842
 ♣ Q54

5pts

Bidding: W shows a balanced hand with 20-22HCPs and E by bidding 3♠ offers partner the choice of bidding game in 3NT or 4♠

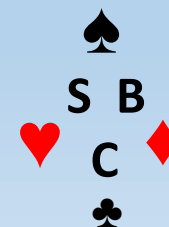
Lead: ♥K top of a sequence.

Play: After taking ♥A and taking out trumps with ♠A and then K declarer should make the contract losing only 1♥ and ♠QJ and discarding her losing clubs in E on W's long diamond suit.

21pts

<u>Bidding</u>			
<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
		p	2NT
p	3♠	p	3NT
All Pass			

Deal 22.3





Dealer: West

Vulnerability:

6pts

♠ AQ72

♥ 102

♦ 1042

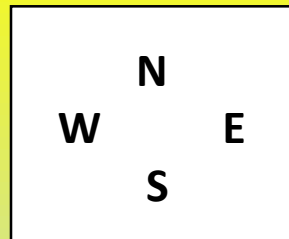
♣ 6542

♠ 653

♥ J6

♦ AK963

♣ 1093



♠ KJ1084

♥ 854

♦ Q8

♣ J87

♠ 9

♥ AKQ973

♦ J75

♣ AKQ

19pts

7pts

Bidding: North's 2NT shows at least 2 hearts and slightly above minimum so S feels comfortable bidding game of 4♥

Lead: ♦ A

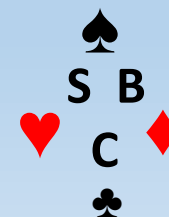
Play: The defence makes 3 tricks with a ruff of the 3rd diamond BUT S should make the next 10 tricks to make her contract

8pts

Bidding

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
p	p	2♥	p
2NT	p	4♥	All Pass

Deal 22.4





Dealer: North
Vulnerability:

1pts

♠ 104

♥ 98

♦ 942

♣ J109543

♠ J872

♥ J1073

♦ J108

♣ AQ

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AK3

♥ AKQ6

♦ KQ76

♣ K7

24pts

♠ Q965

♥ 542

♦ A53

♣ 862

6pts

9pts

Bidding: W bids 2♦ a “negative” bid to East’s 2♣ as she doesn’t have a good suit to show a “positive” bid. She decides it is best to wait and understand what kind of 2♣ bid E has.

Opposite a 2NT response E expects they probably will be in a slam and her 3♣ Stayman asks opener if she has a major suit. On finding the 4:4 ♥ fit W bids 6♥ knowing they have ≥32HCPs

Lead: ♦A against a slam and see whether partner encourages continuation

Play: N/S should make 12 tricks losing only ♦A

Bidding

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
p	2♣	p	2♦
p	2NT	p	3♣
p	3♥	p	6♥

All Pass Deal 22.5





Dealer: North
Vulnerability:

♠ 2 **10pts**

♥ QJ8653

♦ K3

♣ A986

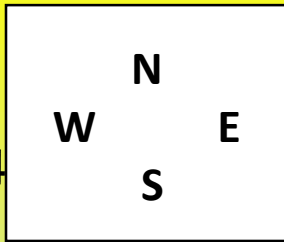
♠ 9754

♥ 10

♦ J107654

♣ 103

1pts



♠ J3

♥ 742 **8pts**

♦ AQ82

♣ J752

♠ AKQ1086

♥ AK9

♦ 9 **21pts**

♣ KQ4

Bidding

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	p	2♣	p
2♥	p	2♠	p
3♣	p	4♥	p
6♥ (4NT)	p	p (5♥)	p
(6♥)			

Deal 22.6

Bidding: S, though only having 21HCPs has a very strong hand with only 4 losers. South with a 6 card ♥ suit and 1.5QT (A and a K) shows a positive response with 2♥.

After South showing her suit with 2♠, N's bid of 3♣ not only shows her second suit But denies any spade support.

South shows heart support with 4♥. N with 10HCPs opposite a perceived 23HCP hand bids 6♥. More experienced players would use Blackwood (4NT) asking S "how many Ace's do you have?" and 5♥ shows 2A (♣=0, ♦=1, ♥=2 and ♠=3). Knowing they have 1 ace missing N would bid 6♥

Lead: ♦J top of an unbid sequence seems correct lead

Play: After losing ♦A and ruffing the second South should easily make 12 tricks

