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2/1 GF – Fundamentals + Rebid Agreements Notes

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2/1 GF Responses

Six 2/1 Game-Forcing Bidding Sequences:

- 1♠ - 2♣
- 1♠ - 2♦
- 1♠ - 2♥
- 1♥ - 2♦
- 1♥ - 2♣
- 1♦ - 2♣

Responses in Different Suits Promise Different Length:

- 2♥ 5+card ♥ Suit
- 2♦ 4+card ♦ Suit
- 2♣ 3+card ♣ Suit (usually 4+card ♣ suit)

The values needed to make these 2/1 GF responses depend on your opening bid styles. The modern style is to open most 12 HCP balanced hands and to make a 2/1 GF bid with a good 12 points in response. The general approach is to have slightly more values for a 2/1 GF bid than for the opening hands.

“Bypassing” Suits as Responders

- 1♥ - 2-minor, holding a 4-card ♠ suit?
- 1♦ - 2♣, holding a 4-card Major?

Opener’s Rebids

Raising Responder’s Suit

- Raise Responder’s 5+card ♥ suit with 3+card support
- Raise Responder’s 4+card ♦ suit with 4+card support
- Raise Responder’s 3+card ♣ suit with 4+card support

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Notrump Rebids After 1-Major Openings and 2/1 GF Response

Notrump rebids generally deny a known fit and show a stopper in the unbid suits.

- 2NT Rebids 12-14 pts Balanced or 18-19 pts Balanced
 - With 18-19 if partner offers 3NT, raise to 4NT, Quantitative
- 3NT Rebids Usually 15-17 HCP, with 5422 or 5431 and a bad 4-card minor.

Rebids of New Suits at 2-Level

1♠	2♣	1♠	2♦	1♥	2♣
2♦/2♥		2♥		2♦	

These rebids of a second suit show a 4+card suit and 12+ points.

“Reverse” at the 2-Level

1♥ 2♣/2♦
2♠

This 2♠ rebid, though higher ranking than the opening suit, does not show extra values – just a 4-card ♠ suit.

Problem Rebids

- Balanced hands missing a stopper.

Modern Rebid Styles

- 2-Major Waiting
 - Balanced Problem Hands
 - 2-Suiters with second suit not “cheaply available”
- New Suit at the 3-Level – Extra Values
- 4-Major Rebids
- Fast-Arrival