

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT DISCUSSIONS TO HAVE WITH 2/1 PARTNERS

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A. After a 2 over 1 response to your major opening, which is your default bid:

- 1) Rebid of the major DENIES stoppers in all unbid suits (but might have only 5 in major)
- 2) Rebid of 2NT shows balanced hand, does NOT promise stoppers perse and DENIES 6 of your major.
- 3) Example: 1H-P-2C-P-2H OR 2NT

B. After a 2 over 1 response to your major, a SINGLE jump is:

- 1) SPLINTER in support of suit bid by Responder (recommended)
- 2) Second 5-card suit and slam interest.

Example: 1S-P-2C-P-3H

C. With inverted minors, a SINGLE raise (e.g., 1D-P-2D) by an UNPASSED hand shows:

- 1) 11 or more HCP (or a FABULOUS 10) and is forcing to 2NT or 3 of minor (recommended)
- 2) Game Force (with jump in other minor showing Limit Raise)

D. Jump Shifts over Major Openings are:

- 1) Mini Splinters (recommended)
- 2) Bergen Raises
- 3) Flower Bids (Fit Showing Jumps)
- 4) Weak jump shifts

E. Jump Shifts over Minor Openings are:

- 1) Weak if a major, e.g., 1D-P-2H OR 2S or if 2D over 1C. (Recommended)
- 2) Splinter bids
- 3) Limit Raise (criss-cross) if in other minor

F. Problem hand of 6-card club suit with 11-12 HCP when partner opens 1D.

- 1) Treat 1D-P-3C as invitational
- 2) Bid and rebid clubs and treat it as non-forcing, e.g., 1D-P-2C-2NT-3C

G. Decide whether you want High Level Reverses (at 3 Level) to show extras (at least a King)

- 1) High Level reverses show at least a King Extra, e.g., 1S-P-2C-P-3C
- 2) High Level reverses are just shape showing, e.g, 1S-P-2D-P-3C
- 3) Raises of partner's minor show extras in either HCP or distribution, e.g., 1S-P-2D-P-3D.
- 4) Recommended that after a 1H opening and 2/1 in minor, 2S does NOT show extras, just shape showing (COULD have extras, but not guaranteed)

H. Decide type of Game Tries you are using after 1 of major and single raise to 2.

- 1) Help Suit Game Tries (Recommended at the moment)
- 2) Short Suit Game Tries
- 3) Kokish Game Tries

I. Discuss whether you are using Constructive Raises (1M-P-2M guarantees 8-10 HCP) or not.

J. You have made the agreements that (after suit agreement) cue bids BELOW 4NT can show FIRST or SECOND round control (Aces/voids or Kings/singletons) so always bid what is cheapest. Skipping a suit DENIES both 1st and 2nd round control (and may put slam out of the picture).