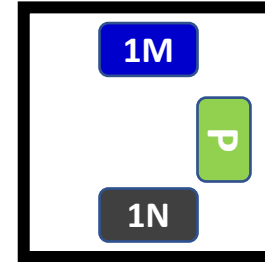
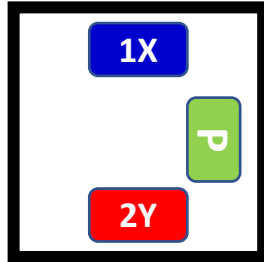




2/1 GAME FORCING

DECEMBER 7, 2023



GAME FORCING AUCTIONS

STARTING WITH 2/1

GAME FORCING AUCTIONS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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1 ♠ P 2 ♥

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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1 ♥ P 2 ♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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1 ♦ P 2 ♣

CONTRACTS AVAILABLE

3NT

4 ♥

4 ♠

4NT

5 ♣

5 ♦

5 ♥

5 ♠

5NT

6 ♣

6 ♦

6 ♥

6 ♠

6NT

7 ♣

7 ♦

7 ♥

7 ♠

7NT

OTHER AUCTIONS

(NON – GAME FORCING)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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	1 ♠	P	1N
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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	1 ♥	P	1N
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CONTRACTS AVAILABLE

2 ♣	2 ♦	2 ♥	2 ♠	2NT
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3 ♣	3 ♦	3 ♥	3 ♠	3NT
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4 ♣	4 ♦	4 ♥	4 ♠
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TWO OVER ONE

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

1 ♠

P

2 ♦



1NT SEMI - FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

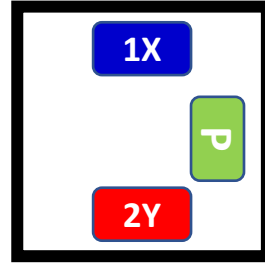
1 ♥

P

1N



990 x 660



TWO OVER ONE

GAME FORCING AUCTIONS

2/1 GAME FORCING

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

YOU

♠ A92

♥ 42

♦ Q82

♣ AKJ73

AGREEMENT

A NON – JUMP RESPONSE OF A NEW SUIT
AT THE TWO LEVEL WILL BE GAME
FORCING (13+ points) WHEN;

OUR SIDE OPENS 1D – 1H – 1S

OUR SIDE HAS NOT PASSED

NEITHER OPPONENT HAS BID
(non-competitive auctions)

BASIC 2 over 1 GAME FORCING RESPONSES

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	P	2 ♣

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♣

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	P	2 ♦

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	P	2 ♥

- **13+ total points with 5+ ♥**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♥	P	2 ♣

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♣

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♥	P	2 ♦

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♦	P	2 ♣

- 13+ total points with 4+ ♣

RESPONDER

BID 1

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	??

1

♠ K87
♥ A72
♦ J2
♣ AJT72

2

♠ 32
♥ AK32
♦ 9842
♣ AQJ

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	??

3

♠ KT98
♥ AQ2
♦ AT82
♣ 98

4

♠ AQ763
♥ 2
♦ KJT9
♣ K96

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	??

1

♠ K87

♥ A72

♦ J2

♣ AJT72



2/1 GAME FORCING

We start by showing our 13+ total points and we will support spades next.

2

♠ 32

♥ AK32

♦ 9842

♣ AQJ



13+ points - 4+ diamonds

Note we can **NOT** bid **2H** with this hand because that would show 5+ hearts.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♥	P	??

3

♠ KT98

♥ AQ2

♦ AT82

♣ 98



We have a game forcing hand and a major suit fit already. Game Force and raise hearts next.

4

♠ AQ763

♥ 2

♦ KJT9

♣ K96



Shape should dictate your responses. When we later game force with this hand we will be showing **5+Spades**.

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♦	P	??

♠ AKJT87 1
♥ 72
♦ A2
♣ QT2

♠ 2 2
♥ AK32
♦ 942
♣ AQJT2

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♠	P	??

♠ KT98 3
♥ AQT92
♦ A2
♣ 98

♠ AT3 4
♥ K982
♦ KJT
♣ K96

MAKE YOUR CALLS

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♦	P	??

 **AKJT87** 1
 **72**
 **A2**
 **QT2**

1♠

2/1 IS NEVER A JUMP!

1 Spade is forcing and shows 6+ points. We will game force later in this auction for sure.

 **2** 2
 **AK32**
 **942**
 **AQJT2**

2♣

13+ points - 4+ clubs

This is the only 2/1 game force that will start after a 1D opening.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♠	P	??

 **KT98** 3
 **AQT92**
 **A2**
 **98**

2N

JACOBY 2NT

When we have a 9 card major suit fit and game forcing values we use this always!

 **AT3** 4
 **K982**
 **KJT**
 **K96**

2♣

Sometimes we just have odd hands that don't have a clear bid. We know we are supporting spades next so 2C is a means to an end.

RESPONDER

BID 2

FAST ARRIVAL

SHOWS A MINIMUM HAND

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♥	P	2♣
P	2N	P	4♥

YOU

♠ J92
♥ QT4
♦ KJT
♣ AQ98

SLOW APPROACH

SHOWS MORE THAN A MINIMUM

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♠	P	2♣
P	2N	P	3♠

YOU

♠ A98
♥ 4
♦ AQ2
♣ AQT972

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
P	1 ♠ 2 ♥	P P	2 ♦ ??

1

♠ AT2
♥ AKQ2
♦ J964
♣ 52

2

♠ AJT
♥ A4
♦ AKQT98
♣ 32

3

♠ A2
♥ K92
♦ AQT976
♣ 72

4

♠ A5
♥ J2
♦ AK973
♣ QT92

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
P	1♠ 2♥	P P	2♦ ??

1

♠ AT2
♥ AKQ2
♦ J964
♣ 52

3♥

4 – 4 is better than 5 – 3!
When we have two fits, it's a strong position. We slow down to show non minimums.

2

♠ AJT
♥ A4
♦ AKQT98
♣ 32

2♠

Don't get distracted by shiny side suits. Show your Major Suit fit as soon as you can!

3

♠ A2
♥ K92
♦ AQT976
♣ 72

3♦

Sometimes you just have to keep making natural bids to get partner to choose or pattern out further.

4

♠ A5
♥ J2
♦ AK973
♣ QT92

2N

It's a good idea to grab NT from our side of the table with this semi-balanced hand with good stoppers.

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
P	1 ♠ 2 ♠	P	2 ♣

1

♠ AT2
♥ A3
♦ KJ64
♣ A952

2

♠ 4
♥ AJ94
♦ K43
♣ KQJ82

3

♠ Q2
♥ K43
♦ K96
♣ AJ532

4

♠ 2
♥ AJ2
♦ 93
♣ AKJT832

RESPONDER

BID 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1 ♠	P	2 ♣
P	2 ♠		

1

♠ AT2
♥ A3
♦ KJ64
♣ A952

3 ♠

Slow down with extra values!
While in a game force, the slower you go the more you have.

2

♠ 4
♥ AJ94
♦ K43
♣ KQJ82

2N

No need to show your heart suit, or to jump. Just show your ability to play No-Trump and see what partner does.

3

♠ Q2
♥ K43
♦ K96
♣ AJ532

4 ♠

Bare minimum game forcing hand. We've found our fit. We get to game quickly.

4

♠ 2
♥ AJ2
♦ 93
♣ AKJT832

3 ♣

No need to do anything but continue describing your hand.

OPENER

1ST RESPONSE TO 2/1

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

??

YOU



AJ



AT842



KJ82



73

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

2♦

YOU

♠ AJ

♥ AT842

♦ KJ82

♣ 73

**4+ cards in diamonds
12 - 21 total points**

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

??

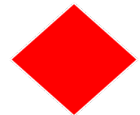
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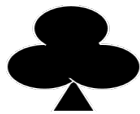
AJ



AT842



J82



K73

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

2N

YOU



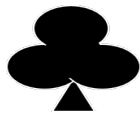
AJ



AT842



J82



K73

12 – 14 balanced

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2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

??

YOU



AK



AQ842



A82



Q73

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

2N

YOU



AK



AQ842



A82



Q73

**WHEN PARTNER MAKES
A 2/1 RESPONSE TO
YOUR OPENING, LET
YOUR SHAPE DICTATE
YOUR CALL. EVEN WHEN
YOU HAVE EXTRA
VALUES!**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1♥
P	2♣	P	2N

12 – 14
or
18 – 19

YOU

♠ AJ
♥ AT842
♦ J82
♣ K73

or

YOU

♠ AK
♥ AQ842
♦ A82
♣ Q73

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♥

P

2♣

P

??

YOU



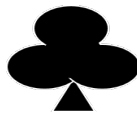
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AT842



KJ



73

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P

2♣

P

2♠

1♥

YOU



AJ42



AT842



KJ



73

**12 – 21 total points
4+ cards in spades**

****note:** This is not a “reverse”, as we are in a game forcing auction already.

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P

1 ♠

P

2 ♦

P

??

YOU



AQT874



K974



A5



4

2/1 AUCTIONS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P

1 ♠

P

2 ♦

P

2 ♥

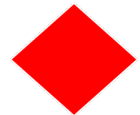
YOU



AQT874



K974



A5



4

**Always show your 4 card
heart suit before
showing your 6th spade
with these types of
hands.**

OPENER'S COMMON RESPONSES

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	P	2♣
P	2♥	6+ cards 12 - 21	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♦
P	2N	bal. 12 - 14 or 18 - 19	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♥
P	3♥	Fit & non minimum	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♥
P	3♦	Natural 12 - 21	

AFTER 2/1....

GENERAL CONCEPTS

The principle of fast arrival.

- Slow down with your extra values.
- Speed up with your minimum hands.
- BOTH PLAYERS ARE ADHERING TO THIS!

Show your shape.

- Show your secondary suits quickly or reveal balanced shape, without a fit, by bidding no-trump.
- Establish your fits (especially in the majors) as quickly as possible.
- You will have an opportunity to show any extra values later in the auction. Shape is the most important initially.

Step 1 – Find your Strain (suit fit or NT).

Step 2 – Determine if Slam is possible.

RESPONDER'S COMMON 2ND BIDS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♥	P	2♣
P	2♥	P	3N
Minimum & no fit			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♦
P	2N	P	3♠
3 fit & non min.			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♥
P	3♥	P	4♣
Control (1 st or 2 nd)			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	P	2♥
P	3♦	P	4♠
3 fit & minimum			

OPENER

2ND BID AFTER 2/1

TWO / ONE OPENER

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1♥
P	2♣	P	2N
P	3♥	P	??

1

♠ AT2

♥ AKQ82

♦ 964

♣ 52

2

♠ AT

♥ AQT84

♦ A98

♣ KJT

3

♠ 92

♥ K9742

♦ Q76

♣ AKQ

4

♠ QJ5

♥ KQJ92

♦ AK9

♣ QT

TWO / ONE OPENER

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1♥
P	2♣	P	2N
P	3♥	P	??

 **AT2** 1
 **AKQ82**
 **964**
 **52**

4♥

No interest in going forward from this side. We get to game without delay.

 **AT** 2
 **AQT84**
 **A98**
 **KJT**

3♠

****CONTROL BID****
In game forcing auctions, with a known major suit fit, any new suit is a control bid.

 **92** 3
 **K9742**
 **Q76**
 **AKQ**

4♥

So happy to get out of a bad NT contract 😊

 **QJ5** 4
 **KQJ92**
 **AK9**
 **QT**

4♦

****CONTROL BID****
This is a very descriptive control bid. It denies control in the black suits as well 😊

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♠
P	2 ♦	P	2 ♥
P	3 ♥	P	??

1

♠ QT986

♥ AQ82

♦ A6

♣ 72

2

♠ QJT82

♥ AKT42

♦ 8

♣ AK

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♥
P	2 ♣	P	2 ♦
P	3 ♣	P	??

3

♠ KT9

♥ AQT92

♦ AJ52

♣ 8

4

♠ 3

♥ KJ982

♦ KJT42

♣ A9

AUCTION 1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♠
P	2 ♦	P	2 ♥
P	3 ♥	P	??

♠

QT986

1

♥

AQ82

♦

A6

♣

72

♠

QJT82

2

♥

AKT42

♦

8

♣

AK

4♥

FAST ARRIVAL

Show your minimum hand by proceeding to game quickly.

4♣

SLOW APPROACH

This is a control bid which shows 1st or 2nd round control in clubs and interest in slam.

AUCTION 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1 ♥
P	2 ♣	P	2 ♦
P	3 ♣	P	??

♠

KT9

3

♥

AQT92

♦

AJ52

♣

8

3N

WE HAVE FOUND OUR SPOT

We have the spade suit stopped and have not found a fit yet.

♠

3

4

♥

KJ982

♦

KJT42

♣

A9

3♦

NO DESTINATION? – KEEP GOING

The beauty of 2/1 is that we can take our time. Keep describing and see if partner can bid 3NT.