

The Klinger Ogust Convention

Responses To Partner's Opening Weak 2-Bid

1. RAISES IN PARTNER'S SUIT:

- a. **A Single Raise in Partner's Suit** - "RONF" ("**Raise Only Non-Force**") A further defensive blocking bid especially effective when used after an opponent's intervening take-out double. Such a bid is never invitational to game; rather, alternatively, it is a furtherance of what is assumed to be a pre-emptive interference with the opponent's hand. It is rarely made with the intention of the contract being made, rather, alternatively, with the presumption that the hand really belongs to the opponents.

Ex. 2S Db1. 3S (or) 3D P 4D (or) 3H P 5H

- b. **A Jump Raise to Game** - Made either preemptively (Same as in a. above) to further the pre-emptive block or with game-going values and a presumption that the contract is to be made.

Ex. 2H Db1. 4H (or) 3C P 5C

In both (a) and (b) above, when used preemptively, the responding partner is likely to have multiple cards, (3 or more), in partner's pre-emptive suit and little additional outside strength. When used as a game-going bid, however, the strength necessary is obvious as it must be coupled with partner's stated 6-card suit and 5-11 HCP's. It would, therefore, represent a better than opening HCP count since pre-emptive opener has shown less than a full opening hand.

2. BIDS OTHER THAN RAISES IN PARTNER'S SUIT: Responder must have at least 15+ HCP's in order to justify any of the following bids since Opener holds a maximum of 11 HCP's.

- a. **A 3NT or a Game Bid in the same Suit or a New Suit** – Such bids are **Sign-off Bids** spoken to play as stated.

Ex. 2S P 3NT (or) 2H P 4S (or) 2H P 4H

- b. **Any Switch in Suit Below Game Level** (Remember "RONF") - **Absolutely Forcing.** Asks partner for further information as listed herein: ***Responses are mandatory as shown and are all alertable!***

- (1) With 3-cards in new suit stated by responder = Raise responder one level in responder's suit.
- (2) With 2-cards in new suit stated by responder = Bid cheapest NT.
- (3) With 1 card or void in new suit stated by responder = re-bid opener's suit.

Based upon opener's response as in (1), (2), or (3) above, responder will then place the contract.

- c. **“2NT” – Klinger “OGUST” CONVENTION** – Absolutely Forcing - This Bid is an artificial Conventional bid requesting a further description of opener's hand both as to the number of HCP's as well as the number of the top three (3) honors (A, K, or Q) held by Opener as follows: *The “2NT” asking bid itself, as well as all of the below-listed responses are all alertable!*

- (1) With 5-7 HCP's and 1 of the top three honors in opener's suit = bid “3C”
(artificial)
- (2) With 5-7 HCP's and 2 of the top three honors in opener's suit = bid “3D”
(artificial)
- (3) With 8-11 HCP's and 1 of the top three honors in opener's suit = bid “3H”
(artificial)
- (4) With 8-11 HCP's and 2 of the top three honors in opener's suit = bid “3S”
(artificial)
- (5) With 8-11 HCP's and 3 of the top three honors in opener's suit = bid “3NT”
(artificial)

Based upon opener's response as in (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) above, Responder will place the final contract after receiving one of the five above-listed responses.

Above-Listed Responses in Visual Ladder Representation

<u>Bid</u>	<u>High-Card Points</u>	<u>Number of Top 3 Honors Held By Opener (A, K, or Q)</u>
“3NT”	8-11	3
“3S”	8-11	2
“3H”	8-11	1

“3D”	5-7	2
“3C”	5-7	1
