



## Acol Two Club Openers

### The 2♣ Opener

This is the strongest bid in modern Acol. It is *conventional*: an *artificial* bid which says nothing about clubs.

It is either a balanced hand with 23+HCP, too strong to open 2NT  
or a strong unbalanced hand. Worth game opposite nothing so 9+ playing tricks

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|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| ♠ AKQJ1053              | ♠ AKQ754        | ♠ AKJ42                         | ♠ AQ2        |
| ♥ AK54                  | ♥ AKQ73         | ♥ AKQ6                          | ♥ AKJ        |
| ♦                       | ♦ A10           | ♦ AK4                           | ♦ KQ86       |
| ♣ A2                    | ♣ -             | ♣ 9                             | ♣ AJ8        |
| 10 Playing Tricks in ♠S | Game in a major | Big 3-suiter, looking for a fit | 23+ balanced |

### Responding to the 2♣ opening bid

Again, you cannot Pass! Nor can you raise, since the bid is artificial.

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| 2♣ | 2♥/2♠/3♣/3♦ | A new suit promises at least 5-cards to two top honours (ace/king/queen)             |
|    | 2NT         | A very rare response. A balanced hand with 10+HCP. Forcing to slam                   |
|    | 2♦          | The <i>Waiting Bid</i> . An unbalanced hand without a good suit, or 0-9 HCP balanced |

### Further Bidding

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|---------------|----|--|
| 2♣            | 2♦ |  |
| 2NT           | ?  | shows 23-24 HCP balanced and is the only rebid responder may Pass.<br>(Respond as to a 2NT opener, remembering that it is stronger. Bid something with 2+HCP) Stayman and Transfers are available if your hand is suitable |
| 2♣            | 2♦ |  |
| 3NT           | ?  | Shows 25- 27 HCP and can be passed if you have nothing to say  |
| 2♣            | 2♦ |  |
| (2♥/2♠/3♣/3♦) |    | Any other bid is Forcing to Game. Responder can raise with 3+card support, bid a suit of his own without support, or 2(3)NT. Opener often has a second suit to bid.  |
| 2♣            | 2♦ |  |
| 4NT           | ?  | Shows 28-30 HCP pass or raise  |