





Rule of 2 , 3 , 4

Another guideline for opening a weak two bid.... Rule of 2, 3, 4 which compares potential tricks to vulnerability. This tilts toward conservative preempts.

Red on White	AKQTxx x Txx xxx	At unfavorable vulnerability, opener should be two tricks shy of making the two bid. Here, expect 6 tricks in Spades. Rule of 2
Equal vulnerability	xx KQJTxx xx xxx	Equal vulnerability guideline is be within 3 tricks of making your bid. Hearts here should take 5 tricks. Rule of 3
White on Red	JT9xxx xx Ax Jxx	Favorable vulnerability suggests you can open a weak two bid if you are short 4 tricks. Here, an aggressive 2S bid is not likely to help if your side defends. Rule of 4

What is your opening bid if not vulnerable or equal vulnerable?

Does your answer change if you are red on white?

			
A	B	C	D
A Q 8 7 6 3 7 4 J 8 3 8 5	8 2 K Q J 8 4 2 Q T 8 6 4	Q T 3 8 A J 9 8 7 6 7 5 4	A Q 8 6 5 4 J 8 4 2 Q 4 8
E	F	G	H
K Q T 8 3 2 A 4 void Q J T 8 4	8 4 8 4 3 A K 6 4 3 2 J 8	A 4 K J T 9 6 3 6 Q T 9 8	A Q T 6 4 3 8 4 Q J 8 4 3

What would Eddy do?

XX
XX
JT98765
AK

Playing against Eddy Wold, #3 among all active players.
First seat opened 1 Club. What would you do with this?

After a preemptive overcall of 2 Diamonds. They bid on to 6NT which provided an opportunity for a Lightner Double! This was not an opening weak 2, but it's a memorable hand! Down 1, doubled.

Answers from the prior page:

	Opening bid	Reason
A	2 S	7 pts, 8 LTC, a reasonable weak 2 But, might PASS if red on white.
B	2 H	8 pts, 7 LTC, perfect weak 2
C	2 D	7 pts, 9 LTC, reasonable weak 2 But might PASS if red on white
D	1 S or PASS	Almost a Rule of 20, but also 4 heart cards Not a good weak 2
E	1 S	Way, way too strong, 4 LTC
F	2 D	7 pts, 8 LTC, perfect weak 2 An awfully good lead directing bid, I lean toward preempting with six headed by AK.
G	1 H	Rule of 20 suggests opening 1 H and your rebid can be 2 H. Also 6 LTC.
H	1 S	Way too strong, 5 LTC, show Spades first the clubs

Reponder Options After Partner Opens a Weak 2

Bid a new suit	With 13+ points and 5 card, or better still 6 card suit! Mark on your convention card if this is forcing or not. RONF says it is forcing.
Raise partners suit	A raise to the 3 level is not invitational, its to play. Partner should not bid again.
Ask for more information	2 NT (no alert needed) Partner wants a further description of opener. Generally responder should have 15+ points or the distributional equivalent to get serious about game. But...some will use 2NT to further the preempt.
Pass	The most likely response - - <u>let partner's preempt do its job.</u>

Ways to Ask for More Info - 2 NT

Feature	Asks opener if they have an Ace or King in a side suit. So.... do you show a feature only if you are at the top of your range? Again, its all about partnership agreements.
Ogust	An advanced method for responder to learn about both opener's suit quality and the strength of that hand.
Blackwood/RKC	Not recommended, use the 2NT exploration option first.