

Fisher/Todd - 2♥/♠ Opening Bid Defense

This bid shows 5+ cards in the suit opened and 5+ cards in either minor, and 5-10 HCP occasionally light. In 3rd seat you can be light or 5-4 in the Mm but you cannot be light and off shape.

- 2♥/2♠ Pass 2♠/3♣/3♦ Cheapest bid in a new suit is nonforcing
- 2NT asks for the minor suit –signoff, invitational, or strong.
 - 3♥ Natural and pre-emptive not invitational
 - 3♠ Natural and invitational.
 - 3N Any game bid is to play.
 - 4♣ Invitational.
 - 4♦ Invitational.
 - 4♥/♠ To play.
 - 5♣/♦ To play.

Defences:

2♥/♠-Pass-2♠/3♣/3♦: is nonforcing with the suit bid.

- Dbl: penalty. Hand is a misfit.
- 3Q: cue bid is takeout of the 2 suits
- 3NT: Natural
- Game bids: to play. May be a shot.

2♥/♠-Pass-2NT: asks for minor (*weak, invitational or strong*).

- Dbl: Strong Bal 16+ hand.
- 3♣/3♦/3 other major: Natural and forward going.
- 3Q: Strong 2 suited hand.
- Game bids: to play. May be a shot.
- Pass: followed by double is penalty of the minor.
- Pass: followed by Q is takeout with other 2 suits.

2♥/♠-DBL-3m (to play):

- Dbl: responsive dbl, values and no clear direction.
- New suit: constructive and nonforcing.
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- 3M: asking for stopper for NT, or ST in a suit.
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- 3NT: natural

2M-P-**New Suit**-P-P-DBL should be defined as T/O

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