

INTERMEDIATE LESSON 11: TEACHER NOTES

Multi-2♦ Opener & Defence to the Multi-2♦

Lesson Content

This lesson includes the Multi-2♦ opener, responses and rebids, as well as bidding over the Multi-2♦. We have used a three-way Multi but you could explain that learners may wish to only use the first two options – weak two or strong balanced. The point count for the strong balanced hand will then be slightly different. This 2♦ opening bid is usually used in conjunction with two-suiter weak major openers (Intermediate Lesson 12).

The defence to a Multi-2♦ opening covers suit overcalls, double, 2NT, and the responses to these.

** You may wish to break this into two lessons:–

1. Opening 2♦ and responses
2. Defence to Multi-2♦

Main Points to Emphasise

1. **The Multi-2♦: opener must be alerted as must 2NT and all pass or correct responses.**

The suit quality of a 6-card major should be considered when vulnerable.

The 2NT response is forcing for one round. Opener's rebid then shows whether they have a minimum or maximum weak two. **3♣/♦ to show a maximum ♥/♠ suit will be a new concept.**

Responder has different bids available to pre-empt further with a guaranteed 9+ fit in either major. With a known 10-card fit, force to game with **any 5-10** by bidding 3NT. If partner has the balanced hand they can pass.

2. **Defending a Multi-2♦:**

Your suit overcalls should be good, as with a weaker hand, when you pass you will have another opportunity to come back into the auction. With 11-15 hands you should always try to balance with a bid as partner could have values also, and you don't want to miss a game or your part-score contract.

After a pass or double from partner and a bid by the opponents, all doubles are takeout.

If you double directly you must have a strong hand of 16+ with a rebid – the 2NT response to X is Lebensohl style, 0-7HCP. After a positive bid showing 8+HCP, any bid is game forcing.

2NT overcall must have a stopper in both majors as you don't know which one opener has.

Lesson Progression

- Discuss the different options for the 2♦ opener
- Then review the responses and the rebids.
- Defence to Multi-2♦ is then covered, including a suit overcall, double and 2NT
- Competing with 11-15HCP hands is important to emphasise as these occur frequently – check the given examples and the takeout doubles
- The responses to a 2NT overcall can include transfers if they have previously learnt these
- Baron should be explained as asking the strong hand to bid suits up the line to try and find a fit
- Wow – that was a lot to cover. Now play the hands.