

Lesson 4.5: Bidding Over Weak Two Bids

During our discussion of Weak Two Bids on Tuesday, we were asked *how to bid after one's Opponents open a Weak Two Bid*.

We discussed what Jim and I use are our agreements. After we were done, we promised to write them up and send them around. Remember though – The most important thing is that partners have a partnership agreement on what they are playing – whether it is similar to the understandings below or ones of your own choosing.

Jim and Connie Agreements

Bidding after a Weak Two bid by opponents

- If we bid 2NT in direct seat = we should have 15+ points, and their suit stopped at least once; systems on.
- If we double and then jump to 3NT = we should have a 2 NT opener, and their suit stopped at least once.
- If we bid a suit = we are being “competitive” and 12+ pts & should have at least five of the bid suit. (Partner responds at the three level, only if have 3 of the suit and 10+ pts.)
- To double = we should have 15+ pts in direct seat; 13+ points in fourth seat.

“**Rule of Nine**” - If one of us “Doubles” a **Weak Two bid** by opponents, we can choose to leave it in for penalty. One “guide” in deciding when to do so is called the Rule of Nine. Here, you add up: Number of the cards in their suit + the level of the bid + number of honors in their suit. If this adds up to 9 or more, more often than not their contract can be set