

**Fwd: response to opening 1 of a minor**

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This might be useful for those just starting to play 2/1.

Jeff

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jeff Kroll <texas.blue.hen@gmail.com>**Date:** October 21, 2022 at 2:38:27 PM CDT**To:** Phyllis Louderback <pvloud@gmail.com>**Cc:** Cindy Skeels <skeelscindy@gmail.com>, Laura Hayes <Laurahayes706@gmail.com>, Carolyn Clapp <mwclapp@msn.com>**Subject: Re: response to opening 1 of a minor**

There are 2 partnership agreements that should be made when playing 2/1. This isn't a matter of right and wrong, it's a matter of what you agree on; They are:

1. Partner opens 1 of a major. You bid 2C (or 2D), partner bids 2NT or 2 of her major, your second bid is now 3C (or 3D - you are rebidding your minor suit). Is the game force turned off? I like to play it is. I would bid that way if I had 6 clubs (or diamonds) and 10-11 points. Partner decides where we go from here. Partner could pass or go on. Some play this and some don't.
2. Whether 1D by partner and 2C by you is a game force. People play it both ways. I don't have a strong feeling about this.

If partner opens 1D and you are playing 2C is forcing to game, 1NT is still 6 to a bad 10, and 2NT is still a good 10 to 12. Neither bid is forcing.

On Fri, Oct 21, 2022 at 2:26 PM Phyllis Louderback <[pvloud@gmail.com](mailto:pvloud@gmail.com)> wrote:

Cindy & Jeff, We play 2/1 and I thought if a diamond was opened we were in 2/1 territory with only an opening club bid excluded from 2/1. Another player said that 2/1 only applies over majors. Is that true? Phyllis

On Fri, Oct 21, 2022 at 12:17 PM Cindy Skeels <[skeelscindy@gmail.com](mailto:skeelscindy@gmail.com)> wrote:

Jeff,

this is about a hand Phyllis and I had at a recent swiss tournament.

No hand record so I have to guess on some of it.

I had 14 points, NT distribution and nothing special to consider worth extra points.

I opened 1 diamond.

Phyllis had either 11 or 12 points and no four card distribution.

Phyllis responded 1 nt.

I took that to be 6-10 points.

I passed. We made game. Other side bid and made game. Bad result.

Couple of questions:

1. Should Phyllis have bid 2 nt with that hand?

2. Even with the expected 6-10 count, Should I have answered 2 nt with my 14 point count hand? Made an invitation?

Thanks

Cindy