

Two Club Openings

Kokish Relays

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2♣:

- 2♦ waiting positive
- 2♥ negative, no Ace no King, maybe two queens
- 2♠ positive response 2/3 5+ ♠'s
- 2NT positive response in ♥'s
- 3♥ seven card suit, no outside A or K
- 3♠ seven card suit, no outside A or K
- 3NT Two aces, no kings and 4 - 3 - 3 - 3 distribution
- 4♣ eight card suit with ace, no outside A or K
- 4♦ eight card suit with ace, no outside A or K
- 4♥ eight card suit without ace, no outside A or K
- 4♠ eight card suit without ace, no outside A or KO

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| 2♣ | 2♦ | Waiting Positive |
| 2♥ | | Kokish Relay |
| 2♠ | | Kokish Relay |
| 2NT | | 22-24 balanced |
| 3♣ | | natural; game forcing |
| 3♦ | | natural; game forcing |
| 3♥ | | solid suit; 10 tricks; |
| 3♠ | | solid suit; 10 tricks |
| 3NT | | 9 tricks; typically a running minor |
| 4♣ | | 10+ tricks in ♣ suit |

- 4♦ 10+ tricks in ♦ suit
- 4♥ to play, poorer suit than bidding 3♥
- 4♠ to play, poorer suit than bidding 3♠

- 2♣ 2♦
- 3♥ bid Ace
- 3NT no Ace but at least one King
- 4♣ which King

If opener signs off after partner shows their K, responder can continue with a 2nd K or a singleton (including K).

- 2♣ 2♦
- 4♣ bid Ace
- 4NT no Ace but at least one King
- 5♣ no Ace no King

- 2♣ 2♦
- 2♥ Kokish relay
- 2♠ the relay
- 2NT 25+ puppet Stayman, MSS and transfers
- 3♣ ♥'s + ♣'s
- 3♦ ♥'s + ♦'s
- 3♥ ♥'s

- 2♣ 2♦
- 2♠ Kokish relay
- 2NT the relay
- 3♣ ♠'s + ♣'s
- 3♦ ♠'s + ♦'s
- 3♥ ♠'s + ♥'s
- 3♠ ♠'s

Refuse relay with weak hand with no controls

7+ in a minor, 6+ in a major

Suit below transfer:

3♣ = transfer to ♦; 7+ card suit; weak hand

3♦ = transfer to ♥; 6+ card suit; weak hand

3♥ = transfer to ♠; 6+ card suit; weak hand big raise

3♠ = transfer to ♣; 7+ card suit; weak hand

They interfere over 2♣

Dbl negative only double that is not penalty but may be converted

Pass waiting

Everything is natural no relays

2♣ P 2♦ Dbl

Kokish on

Reference:

aaBidding/aaPartners/Bennett-Charlie-Warren-Charlie-WTWVersion.docx