

# XYZ

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<http://watsongallery.ca/bridge/aaBidding/XYZ.pdf>

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Three successive bids of a one-level bid followed by 2♣ or 2♦ is xyz.

### The basic structure

X	Y	
Z	2♣	Invitational hands forces opener to bid 2♦ responder may pass or make an invitational bid
	2♦	Game forcing hands
	2M	weak if responder is rebidding his major;
	2♥	GF after having bid 1♠ using Reverse Flannery
	2NT	forces 3♣; may be 5/5 weak in minors
	3♣	(jump) = a good 5/5 hand
	3♦, 3♥, 3♠	GF, good suit quality, slam potential whether a new suit or suit rebid.

X	Y	
Z	2♣	
2♦		= forced
	2NT	invitational - only way to invite in NT
	2Y	5 card suit

2Z	inv
3X	inv
3Y	6 card suit
3NT	5 card major, choice of games with 3 cs

Skipping the 2♦ Relay:

1m 1♥  
 1♠ 2♣  
 2♥ 4315 and 16 or so

1m 1♥  
 1NT 2♣,  
 2♥ shows 3 and non-garbage

2♦ = game forcing

**Responder showing suit quality with game forcing hands:**

To force to game in X or Z when either responder's suit or support is not great:

Over Z, responder bids 2♦ and then supports opener's suit (X or Z).

To force to game in opener's suit (X or Z), when responder has a very good suit of his own with very good support for opener:

Over Z, responder jumps to three of opener's suit.

## Example auctions

1♣            1M  
1NT           2♣  
2♦            3♦    invitational 5 card ♦ suit

1m            1M  
1NT           2♣  
2♦            3NT        5 card major balanced (5332).

1♣            1♦  
1♠ or 1NT 2♥        game force with 4 ♥'s and 5+ ♦'s

1♦            1♥  
1NT           2♦  
2♥            3NT        only 4 ♥'s, more than a minimum

## Example competitive auctions:

examples:

1♦(X) - 1♥ - 1♠(Y) - P - 1NT(Z) - P - XYZ on

1♣ - 1♦ - 1♠ - P - 1NT - P - XYZ on

1♣ - 1♦ - 1♥ - P - 1♠ - P - XYZ on

## Splinters by responder

A direct splinter by responder when opener rebids 1NT, is always in support of opener's suit. e.g. 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 3♠

Responder must go through the 2♣ - 2♦ relay to make a splinter in support of his own suit. A good suit of at least 6 cards, e.g. 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 3♠

If opener rebids one of a suit, a direct splinter is in support of the second suit. To make a splinter in opener's first suit, responder must go through 2♣ - 2♦ first.

1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠ - 4♣ = in support of ♠, 1♦ - 1♥ - 1♠ - 2♣ - 2♦ - 4♣ = in support of ♦

**To show solid seven card major as responder**

1m - 1M - 1NT (or 1♠) - 4M = to play

1m - 1M - 1NT (or 1♠) - 2♣ - 2♦ - 4M = solid major, less than 2 outside controls

1m - 1M - 1NT (or 1♠) - 2♦ - any bid - 4M = solid major with 2 outside controls

References:

[http://www.bridgehands.com/X/XYZ\\_Convention.htm](http://www.bridgehands.com/X/XYZ_Convention.htm) Nov 29, 2015

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