

Lebensohl over Weak 2 Bids

After 2 ♥ or 2 ♠ and a (takeout) double, a bid of 2 NT is a transfer to 3 ♣. Responder to the DBL can now pass or bid 3 ♦ or 3 ♥ (over a weak 2 ♠ bid) to play.

2 ♠	DBL	P	2 NT	
P	3 ♣	P	Pass or 3 ♦ or 3 ♥ is to play.	

When the opening bid is lower than your suit you have 3 options; you can sign off, invite, or force to game. In the sequence:

2 ♥	DBL	P	2 ♠	2 ♠ is to play.
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2 ♥	DBL	P	3 ♠	3 ♠ is invitational (7-10 HCP)
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2 ♥	DBL	P	2 NT	
P	3 ♣	P	3 ♠	Is game forcing with 5 ♠ - slam interest

2 ♥	DBL	P	2 NT	
P	3 ♣	P	4 ♠	5 ♠ - No slam interest

When the opening bid is higher than your suit you are more restricted. In the sequence:

2 ♠	DBL	P	2 NT	
P	3 ♣	P	3 ♥	3 ♥ is to play

2 ♠	DBL	P	3 ♥	3 ♥ is game forcing and is stronger than:
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2 ♠	DBL	P	2 NT	
P	3 ♣	P	4 ♥	

The direct bid of 3 ♣ or 3 ♦ over partner's DBL of a weak 2-bid in a major suit is more encouraging, with 7-10 HCP and (preferably) a 6-card suit, e.g.,

2 ♠	DBL	P	3 ♦	3 ♦ is mildly invitational
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No trump bids are as follows:

2 ♠ DBL P 3 ♠ Western Q bid – no 4-card ♥ suit

2 ♠ DBL P 2 NT
P 3 ♣ P 3 ♠ No ♠ stopper – 4-card ♥ suit

2 ♠ DBL P 2 NT
P 3 ♣ P 3 NT 4-card ♥ suit with a ♠ stopper

You can get to 3 NT directly:

2 ♠ DBL P 3 NT ♠ suit stopped – no 4-card ♥ suit