



"Michael Teaches"

with Michael Berkowitz

- Every Friday at 2:00pm EDT
- First Series of Lessons on 2/1
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Introduction to 2/1 GF
 Michael Teaches 2/1 GF
 (Lesson 1 of 6)
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2 OVER 1 GAME FORCING ADVANTAGES

- Easy to Learn
- Natural
- Improved game/slam bidding
- More commonly played (easier to find partners)

Now is the time to get on board. This system is much easier than "Standard."

You can start playing it right away. It is not memory-intensive.

The 2 OVER 1 AUCTIONS

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	2♣	

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♣	

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2♣	

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♦	

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2♦	

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♥	

Only these 6 auctions are "2/1" Game-forcing.




Once South makes the (natural) bid shown, the partnership can not stop short of game.

1♠-2♥ promises at least 5 cards. All the other 2/1 responses require at least 4 cards in the suit.

What you need to Game Force

- 13+ total points
- How do you count total points?
 - Major suit fit (8 cards) is a bonus if not 4-3-3-3
 - Singleton or void useful if fit
 - Length is always good, so five- or six-card suits are good, seven-card suits better

To make one of the 6 (natural) bids above, you need the equivalent of 13 points. Don't add for shortness in partner's suit. Do add for long suits.

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<p>When is 2-Over-1 In effect?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No interference • Not by a passed hand <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-style: dashed;"> <tr><td>West</td><td>North</td><td>East</td><td>South</td></tr> <tr><td>1♦</td><td>1♠</td><td>2♣</td><td></td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-style: dashed;"> <tr><td>West</td><td>North</td><td>East</td><td>South</td></tr> <tr><td>Pass</td><td>Pass</td><td>1♠</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♣</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	West	North	East	South	1♦	1♠	2♣		West	North	East	South	Pass	Pass	1♠		Pass	2♣			<p>2/1 GF is not used in these auctions.</p> <p>It is not on if the opponents overcall (or double).</p> <p>It is not on if the person using it is a passed hand.</p>
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What Happens Next?

- Bidding proceeds naturally until game is reached OR your side doubles the opponents
- Going to game immediately shows the weakest hand

This is the beauty and simplicity of 2/1 GF.

Everything is natural.

Once we are forced to game, nobody can pass below game. Jumping to game is the weakest action.

What's Your Bid?

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♣	
Pass	2NT		



Opener rebids naturally. With a flat (notrump) hand, rebid notrump. The 2NT bid shown here is likely to be 12-14 (because with 15-17, North would have opened 1NT).

What's Your Bid?

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♣	
Pass	2♠		



Here, opener repeats the 6-card spade suit. Notice that she doesn't jump. We just show our shape and worry about showing extra strength (maybe trying for slam) later in the auction. Slam-bidding will be discussed later in the series.

<p style="text-align: center;">Can You Pass?</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">West</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">North</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">East</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">South</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Pass</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">1♦</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Pass</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">1♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Pass</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">?</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;"></td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;"></td> </tr> </table> </div>	West	North	East	South	Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	?			<p>No! Remember that a response on the one level is still forcing. In fact, South might have 15, 19 or even more points! Just because you are learning 2/1 GF, it doesn't change anything that you already know.</p>
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Pass	?												
<p>Wrap-Up</p> <p>2/1 bids show 13+ points and force the partnership to game or to doubling the opponents</p> <p>With less than 13 points, responder must not make a 2/1 bid</p> <p>This is a natural system and responder should not bypass 5+card majors in order to set up a game forcing auction</p>	<p>You can start playing 2/1 GF today. Everything is natural. Nothing changes that you already learned other than that the two-over-one response now shows 13+ instead of 10+ like in the old days. The 1NT is slightly affected and will be discussed next week.</p>												
<p style="text-align: center;">What's Next?</p> <p>5/8 Semi-Forcing Notrump 5/15 Responding with Invitational Hands 5/22 The 2C Response and game forcing auctions 5/29 Opener's Rebid 6/5 Slam Bidding and Fast Arrival</p> <p>For additional information on 2/1 go to www.larryco.com</p>	<p>Some of you have already signed up for future weeks.</p> <p>All Webinars are listed at WWW.LARRYCO.COM</p> <p>Thank you for attending week 1!</p>												