

Flannery (2 Hearts or 2 Diamonds)

An opening bid of **2♥** (or **2♦** if **2♦** isn't Mini-Roman) shows an opening hand (11-15 points) with four Spades and five Hearts. The Flannery bid was developed to allow a 4-5 major suit distribution without making an initial call of 1 Heart, followed by opener's rebid of **2♠** (normally that would show a reverse when playing 16+ point Reverses).

The Flannery conventional bid (2♥ or 2♦) requires an [Alert].

Responder's Calls:

| Bid | Typical Meaning |
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| 2♥ > Pass (or 2♦ > 2♥) [Alert] | A weak hand – signoff |
| 2♠ [Alert] | A weak hand – signoff |
| 3 Major [Alert] | Game-invitational in responder's suit (must have an 8-card fit) Opener rebids: Pass - signoff with minimum values 4 Major - 14-15 points, to play |
| 2NT [Alert] | Responder is asking opener to describe the rest of the hand: All responses require an [Alert] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3♠ shows 2 Diamonds, 2 Clubs and 14-15 HCP • 3♥ shows 2 Diamonds, 2 Clubs and 11-13 HCP • 3♣ shows 3 Clubs and 1 Diamond • 3♦ shows 3 Diamonds and 1 Club • 4♣ shows 4 Clubs and 0 Diamonds • 4♦ shows 4 Diamonds and 0 Clubs |