

Mini Roman (2 Diamonds)

The Mini Roman convention describes a 3-suited hand with 4-4-4-1 or 4-4-5-0 distribution and 11-15 HCP.

There are two main approaches to finding a fit.

1. Bid up the line showing no interest in game – opener will correct if the responder bid is their short suit
2. Bid 2NT asking opener to name the short suit. This bid is generally considered at least invitational.

Following a 2♦ [Alert] opening bid:

Bid	Typical Meaning
2NT [Alert]	Responder asks for Opener's short suit. Opener's response also requires an [Alert].
2♥/2♠ [Alert]	Responder has no interest in game. Opener corrects "up-the-line" if that suit is their short suit. Note: Responder was forced to bid – the suit bid may be only a 3-card suit.
3♣ [Alert]	Responder has no interest in game and likely has length in the Clubs. Opener corrects to the next higher suit if the bid suit is their short suit.
Pass	Responder can pass with 6+ Diamonds and 0-7 HCP.

Following Responder's 2NT bid and Opener's subsequent bid identifying the short suit, Responder will generally set the contract at game or invite with 10+ HCP.

Bid	Typical Meaning
2♦ > 2NT 3♥ > 3♠	Responder has shown invitational values and bids 3S after opener shows the short suit to be Hearts.
2♦ > 2NT 3♥ > 4♠	Responder has shown game forcing values (13+ HCP) and bids 4S after opener shows the short suit to be Hearts.