

# Fifth Chair



## Mini Roman

Mini-Roman is a common modification of the old Roman 2d opening bid showing 17-20 hcps and a three suited hand (4441 or 5440 with any shortness). Generally, the strong Roman 2d opening bid becomes a weak three suited opening bid. Point ranges of 10-13 or 11(12)-15 are common. Occasionally a pair will specify that two of the suits must be majors.

In response, new suits are generally unconstructive attempts to find a fit. Opener will generally pass if responder hits one of his suits, or correct to the next higher suit if responder hits his singleton.

Other suit bids generally show a maximum with shortness in the bid suit as a game invitation. A 2nt response is generally forcing to game. Opener can either bid his singleton, or bid the suit under the singleton, which allows responder to make inquiries about strength, controls, and key cards.