

Fifth Chair



Ogust

The Ogust Convention, devised in the 1950's by Harold Ogust, is a system

that lets a player who has opened the bidding with a weak two bid describe his hand.

The partner of the weak two bidder bids of two notrump an asking bid, requiring the opener to describe his hand's strength and quality of his suit.

The Ogust responses after the two notrump uses the following guide

to describe suit and hand:

A bad suit = only one honor card in the suit

A good suit = at least two of the top three honors in the suit

A response in a minor shows minimum point count - 6 to 8 HCP

3 clubs shows a bad hand and a bad suit

3 diamonds shows a minimum hand and a good suit

A response in a major shows maximum point count - 9 to 11 HCP

3 hearts shows a maximum hand and a bad suit

3 spades shows a maximum hand and a good suit

3 notrump shows a solid suit (all three of the top honors)

A good memory aid for learning these responses is -

The minors show minimum point count - min = min

The Majors show Maximum point count - M = M