

The Brozel Convention

The **Brozel Convention** is a convention that allows a Partnership to play in any suit at the 2-level over the Opponent's **1-NT** opening. In exchange it gives up the opportunity to "**double**" the Opponents for penalty with a hand equivalent or better. This convention may be used in either the direct (2nd) seat or in the balancing (4th) seat.

Brozel Bids:

1. Single-Suited Hands: -

- a. A "**double**" = A single-suited hand (6-cards or longer) of at least average strength. The Partner ("Advancer") of the "**double**" may "**pass**" thereby converting the bid to a penalty scenario. Alternatively, Partner is expected to "**Puppet**" "**2C**" so that the original invoker (Intervenor) of the Convention may "**pass**" if his/her suit is Clubs, else re-bid his/her long suit, which Responder will then accept and "**pass**."

2. Two-Suited Hands: - The system, here pivots principally around the Heart suit, evidencing 5-5 or longer in the two suits referenced, again with at least average strength. The Responder (Advancer) simple chooses from the two choices given, usually when holding three or more pieces from one of the two selections referenced.

- a. "**2C**" = **Hearts** and **Clubs** (Responder (Advancer) either "**passes**" or "**corrects**" to the Intervenor's 2nd suit referenced)
- b. "**2D**" = **Hearts** and **Diamonds** (Responder (Advancer) either "**passes**" or "**corrects**" to the Intervenor's 2nd suit referenced)
- c. "**2H**" = **Hearts** and **Spades** (Responder (Advancer) either "**passes**" or "**corrects**" to the Intervenor's 2nd suit referenced)
- d. "**2S**" = **Spades** and an **Unspecified Minor Suit** – Here, Responder (Advancer) may "**pass**" thereby accepting the Spade interference, else bid "**2-NT**" asking the Brozel bidder to reveal his/her Minor suit, which, once re-bid by the Intervenor will be "**passed**" and accepted by Partner.
- e. "**2-NT**" = **Both Minor Suits** - (Responder chooses from the two Minor suit choices)

3. Three-Suited Hands: - To show a 3-suited hand with good high-card strength, the Brozel bidder would jump to the 3-level in the short (singleton or void) suit.