

Strong Twos

As used in classic Acol. There is no strict point range, but generally 15+. The important thing is that it must be a good suit (at *least* 5 card – normally 6+) and the hand must contain 8+ playing tricks (playing tricks are defined in the pages on hand evaluation).

- ♠ A6 This hand would qualify for a strong 2♥ opener. It is 8 ½ - 9 playing tricks.
- ♥ AKJ763 Nothing wrong with this system, but weak twos are more popular these days
- ♦ AK4 and this hand would then simply open 1♥ (2NT would be a little too off-beat).
- ♣ 32

In traditional Acol, 2♦/♥/♠ are all strong and forcing for one round. A 2NT response is generally played as a negative.

I don't want to go into it in any more detail as I think that Benjamin Acol is a better system and most people prefer to play weak twos.