

Fifth Chair



The Drury Conventions

This convention invented by Douglas Drury, for responding to third and 4th seat openings in a major suit.

REMEMBER: Discuss this convention before using with your partner. Discuss ALSO whether to use the convention over interference.

Most folks play reverse drury, rather than straight drury.

A response to a 3rd and 4th seat of one in a major - of 2C, is unconditionally forcing, and is Drury. The bid shows at least 3 cards in support of opening bidder's suit, and does not necessarily have ANY clubs.

Opening bidding now has a choice of responses. In regular (SOME folks play this 2 DIFFERENT ways, so BE CAREFUL, they use 2c to show 3 trump support, and 2d to show 4 card support) so be sure to have an agreement with your partner about this!)))

This bid shows a limit raise, AND allows opener to have a very light opening bid in 3rd and 4th seat.

STRAIGHT DRURY.....

With a subminimum opening bid, opener bids 2d (artificial), after which responder can sign off at a low level. With a full opening bid, opener may make any other rebid.

REVERSE DRURY.....

With a subminimum opening, opener rebids his suit.

Some folks play that 2D over 2C (still completely artificial) is the forward going bid, I personally like to play any other bid by me is forward going except a rebid of my suit. I think it allows one to bid naturally....however some play you must bid 2d to be forward going, so discuss this with your partner BEFORE trying this convention.

2 WAY REVERSE DRURY -

Responder to the 3rd seat opener bids 2c with 3 trumps; and 2d with 4 trumps.

With a subminimum opening, opener rebids his suit.

With a full opener, opening bidder makes his natural response, such as 2d, or 2h, or 3c, if he wants more information, otherwise he jumps to game.