

If the opponents bid and raise a suit to the 2 level and then pass be anxious to re-open the bidding in the pass out seat with a delayed overcall, a delayed double or a delayed 2NT.

If the auction has gone something like:

West	North	East	South	or	West	North	East	South	
		1 ♥	Pass			1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	?		2 ♥	Pass	Pass	?	

It is usually wrong to pass the bidding out.

The opponents have found a trump fit but have not tried for game. They do not have 25-26 points and probably not even 23 or 24 (or one of them would have made a game try)

Each side will have about half the points and if they have a trump fit you probably have one too. In that case do not sell out at the 2 level.

Actions available when you have not entered the bidding earlier:

The delayed overcall: This is normally a 5+ card suit. The suit will be poor if you could not overcall at the 1 level.

In the above auctions: South ♠ 10 8 7 6 4 3 ♥ 8 7 3 ♦ A 8 ♣ K 7 Bid 2 ♠
 South ♠ 8 ♥ J 7 4 3 ♦ K Q 9 7 6 2 ♣ Q 2 Bid 3 ♦

The delayed double: This shows support or tolerance for the unbid suits. South would double 2 ♥ with: ♠ K 8 6 4 ♥ 7 ♦ A 6 5 3 ♣ J 8 7 2

The delayed 2NT: This shows support for both minors, at least four cards in each and a shortage in hearts. South would bid 2NT over 2 ♥ with:

♠ 6 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ K 9 8 4 ♣ A J 5 4 2

After partner's delayed action as above, keep the bidding at the cheapest level. Partner's failure to take action earlier signifies weakness and the delayed action already takes your strength into account.