

# TRANSFERS

Transfer bids enable a 5 card major suit and a 4 card minor suit to be bid constructively. For 5 card majors it allows either player to be declarer in the major game. There are other advantages and some disadvantages.

Can I make a weakness take out into diamonds if I use transfers?

Not at the 2 level because a bid of 2♦ is a transfer to 2♥. This is the main disadvantage of transfers

What is the implication if I bid NTs immediately after partner has completed the transfer?

1NT 2♥ 2♠ 2NT shows a 5 card spade suit and invites 3NT if partner is a maximum.

Can I use transfers if opponents overcall in a suit after partner's 1NT?

It is better to ignore transfers and to compete by bidding your suit naturally.

Should I use transfers if partner's 1NT is doubled?

No. It is better to use all 4 suits as escape routes from 1NT doubled, including 2♣

Can I use transfers over an opening bid of 2NT?

Of course  
3♦ as transfer to 3♥  
3♥ as transfer to 3♠

What do I need for a transfer to a minor suit at the 3 level?

A 6 card suit is preferable Such transfers may cause other problems

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Transfer bids over 1NT.

Transfers are the bidding of a suit below the suit intended after partner has opened 1 NT. The intended suit must be a 5 card or longer major suit Partner completes the transfer by bidding the next

What are the advantages of transfer bids?

They can allow a weak long suit to be played by the stronger opening bidder. More important it enables a hand with a 5 card or longer suit and another 4 card suit to show both suits easily over partner's 1NT.

Partner has opened 1 No-trump

How do I transfer into a major suit?

*Bid 2♦ for a transfer into hearts and 2♥ for a transfer into spades*

How does partner complete the transfer into the intended suit?

*By bidding the next suit up the transfer is completed*

After the transfer is completed I raise the suit

1NT 2♦  
2♥ 3♥

*This is a game invitation in the suit or No-trumps*

Do I need to alert the bid to indicate a transfer?

*Yes any conventional bid must be alerted.. My partner has to alert the transfer bid and I alert the completion of the transfer.*

What is the minimum holding of the intended suit to make a 'transfer' bid?

*5 cards*

If I have a 'weakness take-out' in a major suit over 1NT can I use transfers?

Yes by bidding the suit below your 5 card weak suit. Partner will then complete the transfer and you can pass. This means that the stronger 1NT hand will not be dummy

Once the transfer is completed by partner, then I bid a new minor suit what does this show?

This shows a strong hand willing to play at game level with a minor suit of 4 cards in addition to the major suit of at least 5 cards.

Can I use Stayman to ask for majors if I use transfers?

Yes use Stayman as normal. Holding 5-4 in the major suits use Stayman rather than transfers. Bid your 5 card major if 1NT opener has no 4 card major suit to show.