MORE on TRANSFER BIDS 1.

Transfer Bids

Transfers totally replace weakness takeouts over 1NT, *but they are much more than that.* At their simplest, transfer bids are used after partner has opened 1NT or 2NT. Respond $2 \blacklozenge$ to show a *five card* heart suit. Respond $2 \blacktriangledown$ to show a *five card* spade suit. They say nothing about your HCPs! You may have a mammoth slam hand, or a Yarborough.

Transfers work extremely well because:

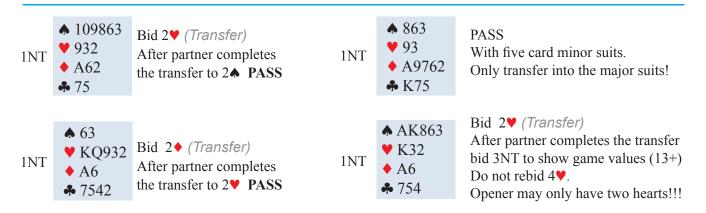
After the 1NT opening bid it puts the *responding* hand in control of the auction. If the responding hand is weak it allows the stronger 1NT hand to play the contract. This ensures that the lead is coming round to the 1NT hand which may have awkward tenaces. Used *with* 'Stayman', transfers allow you to make an accurate description of responder's hand. They can disguise weak hands in a way that can make it difficult for the defence to enter the bidding. They can provide an effective escape from 1NT which can be a very dangerous opening bid. *In short you must add them to your Acol system, even in this introductory form.*

When your partner completes the transfer,

1. Pass with 0 - 10 HCPs.

After the completion of the transfer, a new suit bid by responder is FORCING for at least one round.

- 2. With 11+ pts. bid a 2nd four card major (or a five card minor). Opener cannot pass your rebid.
- 3. With 11/12pts. and an otherwise balanced hand bid 2NT (Do not rebid the 5 card suit again.)
- 4. With 13+ pts. and an otherwise balanced hand bid 3NT (Do not rebid the 5 card suit again.)



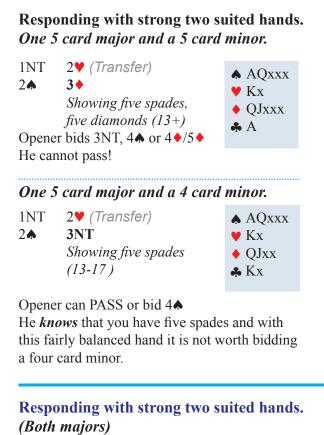
With a 5/3 major suit fit, opener should usually opt to play in $4 \forall / \clubsuit$

Partner	You	Your hand	Partner	You	Your hand
1NT 2♠	2♥ (Transfer) 2NT Showing 5 spades, 11/12 pts.	 ▲ AQ863 ♥ K32 ♦ QJ6 ♣ 54 	1NT 2♠	2♥(Transfer) 3NT Showing 5 spades, 13+ pts.	 ▲ AQ985 ♥ K32 ◆ QJ3 ♣ Q5
Partner	You	Your hand	Partner	You	Your hand
1NT 2♠	2♥ (Transfer) 3♥ Showing 5 spades,	~	1NT 2♥	2♦ (Transfer) Pass Showing 5 hearts, 0-10 pts.	 ▲ Q98 ♥ KQJ32 ♦ 976 ■ 52
	4 hearts 13+ pts.	♣ A			* 53

TRANSFER BIDS 2.

Transfer bids are made by responder, over partner's 1NT or 2NT opening bids - to show a 5+ card major. If you are adventurous - use them as well over 1NT overcalls by partner!

Note that the RESPONDING HAND is in CONTROL OF THE AUCTION. After the completion of the transfer, responder's suit rebid is natural and FORCING. 2NT & 3NT rebids are limit bids.



1NT 2♥ (Transfer) ▲ AQ532 3♥ 2 ♥ K986 Showing five spades, • QJ4 four hearts (13+) ♣ 8 Opener bids 3NT, 4♥ or 4♠ AQ865 1NT 2♥ (Transfer) K9743 2 3♥ 62 **3NT** 4♥ А Showing five spades, five hearts (13+) 1NT 2♦ (Transfer) ▲ AQ93 2♥ 2♠ ♥ K8642 showing five hearts, ♦ J3 *four spades (11+)* ***** 74 Opener can sign off with 3% or 2NT. Inga & Neil Aiston Revised March. 2015

Responding with strong balanced hands. One 5 card major

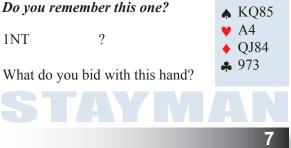
1NT 2♠	2♥ (Transfer) 3NT Showing FIVE spades (13-17)	 ▲ AQ753 ♥ K75 ♦ QJ3 ♣ Q2
1NT 2♥	2♦ (Transfer) 2NT Showing five hearts 11/12 pts.	 ▲ AQ2 ♥ 86532 ♦ QJ8 ♣ K4
1NT 2♥	2 ◆ (Transfer) PASS Showing five hearts (0 -10)	 ▲ 2 ♥ 975432 ♦ QJ8 ♣ 864

What happens if the opponents overcall!!

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Ν	Е	S	♥ A6
1NT	2	2♦	◆ QJ96543
			♣ 862
2♦ is 1	NOT a	transfer	

After intervention all bids are NATURAL. 2 is NOT forcing. Opener should pass. *To force, you would need to jump a level!*

WITH 4 CARD MAJORS



TRANSFER BIDS 3.

The following three variations of transfer bids require much more thought and should only be added to your game when, and if, you are handling the standard transfers well.

1. Stayman (Without 11 HCPs)

It has been made clear in earlier lessons that you require 11+ points before you use 'Stayman'.

Well, now there is the exception to that principle.

If, after your partner opens 1NT, you have 5/4 in the majors and a *weak* hand (0 -10) points and therefore no interest in game you *could* simply transfer into the five card suit.

 ▲ A9876 ♥ K765 ♦ 54 ♥ 32 You could bid 2♥ (transfer to spades.) - but what if partner held - ♥ AQ9 ♥ KQ9 ♥ J76 	
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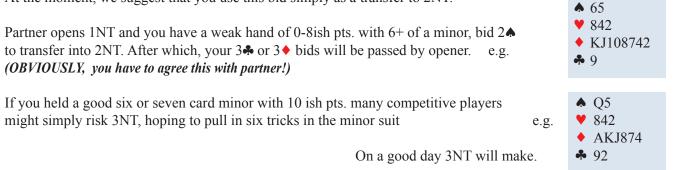
You have missed your magic 4/4 fit in hearts.

The solution is to use 'Stayman'. If partner re-bids 2♥ or 2♠ you pass!

If partner re-bids 2♦ you bid your five card major and partner passes, (by partnership agreement). The sequence has no other meaning. At worst partner will have ♠ J5 ♥ AQ9 ♦ KQ98 ♣ J765

2. Two spades (*A simple use of an unused bid)

The only two level response to 1NT which has no meaning so far is $2\clubsuit$. At the moment, we suggest that you use this bid simply as a transfer to 2NT.



IF you are wanting to move ahead more quickly, I can give you a more advanced use of this convention.

3. Transfers after 1NT is doubled*

1NT is a very good descriptive and pre-emptive bid, but it has its dangers. Although every first round double of a *suit* bid is for 'take out' the double of 1NT is for penalties, and you need some form of wriggle to escape. We suggest that at this early stage, responder should use the opponent's double as an opportunity to *transfer* into any five card suit. Do so with 0-6 points. (With more points, pass unless very shapely)

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1NT	- Double	Re- double	tells opener to transfer to clubs.	
1NT	- Double	2♣	tells opener to transfer to diamonds.	
1NT	- Double	2 ♦	tells opener to transfer to hearts.	
1NT	- Double	2♥	tells opener to transfer to spades.	
These transfers ensure that the contract is played by the stronger hand.				

The lead is coming *around* to the probable tenaces, rather than *through* them.)

* This is the first part of an excellent wriggle which will be covered in the Intermediate level units.

UNIT 5 - IMPROVE YOUR 'ACOL' BIDDING

RESPONSES USING TRANSFERS & STAYMAN

	Partner opens	With this hand,	you respond	Partner rebids	Now	what and WHY?
1.	1NT	 ▲ AJ874 ♥ 87 ♦ KQ9 ♣ A42 	2♥ (transfer)	2	?	
2.	1NT	 ▲ 87 ♥ AK875 ◆ J97 ♣ A42 	2♦ (transfer)	2♥	?	
3.	1NT	 ♠ 9872 ♥ AK87 ♦ J9 ♣ A42 	2 ♣ (Stayman)	2♥	?	
4.	1NT	 ▲ KQ98 ♥ AK987 ◆ J9 ♣ 42 	2♦ (transfer)	2♥	?	
5.	1NT	 ♦ 982 ♥ AJ987 ♦ 1092 ♣ A4 	2♦ (transfer)	2♥	?	
6.	1NT	 ▲ AJ982 ♥ AJ987 ♦ 9 ♣ Q4 	2♥ (transfer)	2	?	
7.	2NT	 ▲ AJ98 ♥ J9872 ♦ 97 ♣ Q4 	3♦ (transfer)	3♥	?	
8.	2NT	 ▲ 8 ♥ K987 ◆ 10972 ♣ KQ109 	3 ♣ (Stayman)	3♦	?	
9.	1NT	 ▲ J982 ♥ KQ987 ♦ 97 ♣ Q4 	2 ♣ (Stayman)	Four difficult response 2♠ 2♦	es that rec Pass 2♥	uire special partnership agreement There are TWO occasions where you can use Stayman without 11 HCPs. Here, with 5/4 in the majors it gives you an extra chance to find a fit and stop at the 2 level.
10.	1NT	 ▲ QJ98 ♥ J987 ◆ Q1093 ◆ 2 	2	2♠	Pass	The other time you can use Stayman without 11 HCPs is when you have a singleton or void in clubs. (4-4-4-1) You are guaranteed a response from partner which you will PASS!
11.	2NT	 ▲ QJ987 ♥ J987 ◆ 109 ♣ K4 	3♠	4♥	Pass	With 5 spades and 4 hearts you cannot get to the best contract by a transfer. SO after a 2NT opening by partner 3♠ shows precisely 5 spades AND 4 hearts. (With 5 hearts and 4 spades use a normal transfer & rebid spades.)
12.	1NT	 ♦ 987 ♥ J9 ♦ KJ109732 ♦ 4 	2♠	2NT	3♦	With 6+ diamonds in a weak hand, you would like to play in 2♦, but because 2♦ would be a transfer to hearts, many players use the mean- ingless bid of 2♠ to transfer to 2NTs. Then you bid your long minor. Partner PASSES.

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