



Lesson 22:

Transfers over 1NT

Aims



To revise bidding after a 1NT opener

To introduce the Transfer principle



1NT is a ***Limit Bid***

**Responder knows immediately
whether to stop in a part-score or to
look for game**



With 0-10 HCP **stop in part-score:**
pass with a balanced hand
make a weak takeout into a long suit

With 11-12HCP **invite game:**
bid 2NT with a balanced hand
or 2♣ (Stayman) when we have a 4-card
major,

With 13+HCP **bid to game:**



3NT with a balanced hand

4♥/♠ with a 6-card major

3♣/♦/♥/♠ with a good 6-card suit
with an unbalanced hand (or a very
strong one)

2♣ (Stayman) when we have a 4-
card major,



What do we do with a five-card or longer major?

We use **TRANSFER** bids to look for the 5-3 major suit fit

Over 1NT 2♦ and 2♥ are *conventional* bids.
They say nothing about the suit actually bid.

They instruct partner to bid the next suit,
whether he has length in it or not.



1NT

2♦ says “I have a 5+-card heart suit.

Please bid 2♥

2♥ says “I have a 5+-card spade suit.

Please bid 2♠”

NB: We use Transfers only when the opening bid is 1NT. Not over opening bids of one-of-a-suit



We use Transfers with a 5+-card major as the first step in describing invitational and game-going hands.

More usefully, they are a way of saving bidding space –
you get ***two bids for the price of one.***

When partner has ***completed the transfer*** you can make a second bid to describe your hand further.



Examples of Transfer Bidding

<i>Opener</i>	<i>Responder</i>
♠ K3	♠ AQ9752
♥ A982	♥ J53
♦ K104	♦ A52
♣ A762	♣ 3
1NT	2♥
2♠	3♠
4♠	Pass

Without transfers responder must underbid with 2♠ or overbid with 4♠. By making a transfer then bidding 3♠ he shows *the values to invite game with a 6-card spade suit.*



Opener

♠ AJ76

♥ K2

♦ QJ4

♣ K982

Responder

♠ 10

♥ AJ10943

♦ A83

♣ A75

1NT

2♦

transfer to hearts

2♥

4♥

Pass

Using transfers means

we can no longer make a natural weak takeout.

We use a transfer weak takeout instead



It is a matter of memory:

to get to 2♠ bid 2♥, transfer;

to get to 2♥ bid 2♦, transfer

Transfers as a weak takeout



Opener *Responder*

♠ K83

♠ QJ762

♥ AQ82

♥ KJ3

♦ 104

♦ 9652

♣ A762

♣ 8

Responder has only 7HCP,
this is a part-score hand
The club holding suggests
the best part-score is 2♠

1NT

2♥ transfer

2♠

Pass



<i>Opener</i>	<i>Responder</i>
♠ AQ62	♠ 54
♥ K4	♥ QJ10653
♦ Q854	♦ 63
♣ K82	♣ 754

1NT 2♦ *transfer*

2♥ Pass



A hand with two messages to send

♠ AQJ32

♥ A75

♦ 987

♣ 42

Partner opens 1NT. You have 11 HCP, enough to invite game.

But if you bid 2NT and partner raises to 3NT with nothing in a minor, you may go down



How Transfers give you Two Bids for the Price of One

<i>Opener</i>	<i>Responder</i>
♠ K54	♠ AQJ32
♥ 83	♥ K75
♦ AJ104	♦ Q87
♣ AQ96	♣ 42

1NT

2♠

4♠

2♥ requesting partner to bid 2♠.

2NT to show the values to invite game,

Pass



Opener

♠ 106

♥ AJ2

♦ AJ72

♣ Q1085

Responder

♠ AQJ32

♥ K75

♦ Q87

♣ 42

1NT

2♠

4♠

2♥ requesting partner to bid 2♠.

2NT showing the values to invite game

Pass Opener is maximum with 3 spades
He accepts the invitation,



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♠ 106	♠ AQJ32
♥ AJ2	♥ K75
♦ AJ72	♦ Q85
♣ Q1085	♣ 42

1NT

2♥

2♠

2NT

Pass



Opener

♠ 109

♥ QJ103

♦ AJ3

♣ AQ97

Responder

♠ AQJ32

♥ K75

♦ Q87

♣ 42

1NT

2♠

3NT

2♥

2NT

Pass

Partner opens 1NT and RHO passes Using Transfers what do we bid with these hands ?



♠ KJ1054

♥ 8

♦ 932

♣ KJ72

1NT 2♥

2♠ ?

Pass

♠ KQ743

♥ Q8

♦ A73

♣ 1092

1NT 2♥

2♠ ?

2NT



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2H

Assuming the auction starts with a transfer to spades
and partner bids 2♠ what do you bid next?

1NT 2♥

2S **pass**



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2S 2NT



Partner opens 1NT and RHO passes
Using Transfers what do we bid with these hands?

♠ QJ9542

♥ 94

♦ 876

♣ 62

2H

1NT 2♥

2S pass



Partner opens 1NT and RHO passes
Using Transfers what do we bid with
these hands?

♠ K10943

♥ KQ3

♦ A82

♣ Q8

2H

1NT 2♥

2S 3NT



You open 1NT and partner transfers into hearts by bidding 2♦.

You remember to complete the transfer, and partner bids 2NT.

What is your next bid with these hands?

♠ KQ42

♥ Q9

♦ KQ76

♣ 1075

1NT 2♦

2♥ 2NT

?

pass



♣ A1093

♥ J5

♦ K82

♠ AQ63

1NT 2♦

2♥ 2NT

3NT



Transfers are fun!
Go on, give them a try!

Join us next week for Bridge & cake!