

Jacoby Transfers II

Jacoby & Texas following 2NT Opening

When Partner opens a 20-21 2NT, Jacoby & Texas Transfers are on (see previous lesson for these conventions over 1NT). With at least one 5+card major¹, the Jacoby Transfer convention is employed to make the Opener the declarer; with a 6+card major, Texas Transfers are used. The Responder bids “one under” the major; these bids are artificial and must be announced as a “transfer” by the Opener.

Responder Transfer Bids	Opener Rebid	Meaning
3♦!	3♥	Responder has a 5+card ♥ suit
3♥!	3♠	Responder has a 5+card ♠ suit
4♦!	4♥	Responder has a 6+card ♥ suit
4♥!	4♠	Responder has a 6+card ♠ suit

There are no invitational sequences over a 2NT opening with a Jacoby Transfer. Opener may not Super Accept as Responder may be broke.

Responder Rebids following Jacoby Transfer over 2NT

Responder Rebid	Points	Meaning
Pass	0-4	Responder does not have enough points for game
3NT	5-11	Responder invites game with 5-cards in major: (a) Opener Passes with 2-cards in major (b) Opener rebids 4 of major with 3+cards in major
4NT	11+-12	Responder invites NT slam with 5-cards in major and balanced hand
4 of Major	11+-12	Responder invites slam with 6+cards in major

The meaning of certain responses assume you are using both Jacoby & Texas Transfers. For example, after a Jacoby Transfer a jump to 4NT is quantitative; whereas after a Texas Transfer 4NT is “KeyCard Ask.”

Interference

When Opener’s LHO in the “direct” seat interferes after Partner opens 1NT or 2NT, use “stolen bid double” to invoke Jacoby, Stayman or make the standard transfer bid when it’s available. See Figure 1 on next page.

¹ With a 5-card major and a 4-card major, Responder uses Stayman and the “Smolen” convention. See the Stayman lesson for details.

♠ A J 8 6 5 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ 10 8 7 <i>North</i> <i>East</i> <i>South</i> 1 NT 2 ♥ Dbl!	♠ K Q 10 7 4 ♥ 9 3 ♦ A J 10 6 ♣ 8 2 <i>North</i> <i>East</i> <i>South</i> 1 NT 2 ♦ 2 ♥!	♠ 7 ♥ K Q 10 7 5 4 ♦ A J 10 6 ♣ 8 2 <i>North</i> <i>East</i> <i>South</i> 1 NT 2 ♦ 4 ♦!
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Figure 1: Responder Uses Stole Bid Double As Substitute for Jacoby Transfer

When Opener's RHO interferes with a Lead Directing Double, you have three choices: (i) Pass lacking 3-card support; (ii) Complete the Transfer with 3+card support; or, (iii) Redouble if Transfer suit is your suit and you lack 3-card support.

♠ A 7 3 2 ♥ K 4 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ A K 8 2			
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Dbl	1 NT Pass	Pass	2 ♦!

Pass lacking 3-card Support

♠ A 7 2 ♥ K 4 3 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ A K 8 2			
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Dbl	1 NT 2 ♥	Pass	2 ♦!

Complete the Transfer with 3+card Support

♠ A 10 7 ♥ K 4 ♦ A K 10 8 6 ♣ K 8 2			
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Dbl	1 NT Rdbl	Pass	2 ♦!

Redouble (XX):
Transfer Suit is Your Suit (2-card support)

Figure 2: Opener Calls after Lead-Directing Double

Minor Suit Transfers

When Responder is weak but has a 6-card minor, the combined hands usually play better in the minor. Use 2♠ to transfer and Pass if your suit is ♣ or “correct” to 3♦ if your suit is ♦. Left side of Figure 3a shows the “correction” to 3♦. However, if Responder is invitational or better with a 4-card major in addition to the 6-card minor, then Responder uses Stayman.

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Figure 3a: Responder Holds 6-card Minor

When Responder has an invitational hand 8+-9 points and a 6-card minor, you’ll have better results when playing in NT, if there’s a fit. Jump in the minor, which is not Alertable, to show this hand type. Opener accepts with a fit; without a fit Opener Passes.

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	1 NT	Pass	3 ♦										
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Figure 3b: Responder Has Invitational values plus 6-card Minor

With Game Forcing values, Responder ignores the 6-card minor and simply bids game in NT.

Opener Overcalls 1NT

When Partner overcalls 1NT, showing 15-18 points, “Systems On” (Stayman, Jacoby and Texas) if Opener’s Partner Passes. Otherwise, play Systems Off” and all bids are natural except redouble, which asks Partner to bid longest suit, up the line.

Board 7				Board 7a			
West Deals		♠ K Q 10 9 4 2		West Deals		♠ 2	
N-S Vul		♥ 10		N-S Vul		♥ 10 6	
		♦ K 8 5 3				♦ K 10 9 8 5 3	
		♣ 8 3				♣ 9 8 3 2	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♣	1 NT	Pass	?	1 ♣	1 NT	Dbl	?
Systems On				Systems Off			

Figure 4: After 1NT Overcall By Partner

Responder Holds 5-5 in Majors

With 5-5 in the majors, Responder transfers to ♥ and rebids 2♠ to show an invitational hand. With a Game Force hand (10+), Responder transfers to 2♠ and rebids 3♥.

Invitational				Game Force			
Board 8		♠ A 10 9 4 2		Board 8a		♠ K Q J 4 3	
North Deals		♥ K 8 7 6 2		North Deals		♥ A 6 5 4 3	
N-S Vul		♦ 3		N-S Vul		♦ Q	
		♣ J 9				♣ 6 5	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
With 16+ Opener Bids Game in Best Major with 3+cards; Passes with 3+♠ -- Otherwise Bids 3♥				Opener Bids Game in Best Major with 3+cards;			

Figure 5: Responder Holds 5-5 in Majors

Quiz 30: Jacoby Transfers II

Your Partner makes a 1NT or 2NT bid, as shown. Complete the remainder of the auction. Opponents bids are shown in (...) otherwise are silent.

	Bids & Responses	Your Hand		Bids & Responses	Your Hand
1a.	2NT - ____ ____ - ____	♠ AJT97 ♥ J5 ♦ 72 ♣ 9854	2a.	2NT - ____ ____ - ____	♠ 543 ♥ Q98654 ♦ T ♣ T87
3a.	2NT - ____ ____ - ____	♠ AJT732 ♥ 732 ♦ 832 ♣ T	4a.	(1♣) - 1NT - (P) - ____ (P) - ____ - (P) - ____	♠ T8763 ♥ JT9 ♦ 8 ♣ 7652
5a.	1NT - ____ ____ - ____	♠ KJ6 ♥ 7 ♦ KQT865 ♣ 543	6a.	(1♦) - 1NT - (X) - ____	♠ JT9532 ♥ T84 ♦ 87 ♣ 43

You have a NT hand; your first bid is shown below. Partner makes a call. Write your rebid using the ___ in the "Opener's Rebid" column. Opponents bids are shown in (...) otherwise are silent.

	Opener's Rebid	Your Hand		Opener's Rebid	Your Hand
1b.	1NT - 2♠! ____	♠ AQ2 ♥ KQJ5 ♦ A7 ♣ J854	2b.	2NT - 3♦! ____	♠ AJ43 ♥ 94 ♦ AKQJ ♣ KQ8
3b.	1NT - 4♥! ____	♠ AKT7 ♥ K732 ♦ A2 ♣ QJT	4b.	(1♣) - 1NT - (P) - 2♦! (P) - ____ - (P) - 2NT (P) - ____	♠ QT76 ♥ A32 ♦ AQT ♣ QJT6
5b.	(1♣) - 1NT - (X) - 2♦ (P) - ____	♠ KQJ ♥ KJ43 ♦ K652 ♣ A3	6b.	1NT - 3♦ ____	♠ KQJT ♥ K84 ♦ 87 ♣ AQ43