

# Jacoby Transfers I

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When Partner opens 1NT and Responder holds one 5+card major (or two), the Jacoby Transfer convention is employed to make the Opener the declarer while finding an 8-card major fit. 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
2♦!	2♥	Responder has a 5+card ♥ suit
2♥!	2♠	Responder has a 5+card ♠ suit

## Responder Rebids (less than a good 8 HE)

Responder Passes. You can't count shortness as you don't know if there's an 8-card fit.

## Responder Rebids (8+ or 9 HE)

Responder rebids 2NT with a 5-card suit or 3 of the major with a 6-card suit. These bids are invitational; Opener goes to game with an HE of 16+: 4 of the major when (i) holding 3+card support; or, (ii) Responder has rebid the major; otherwise 3NT.

## Responder Rebids (10+ HE)

Responder rebids 3NT with a 5-card suit; Opener corrects to 4 of the major if holding at least 3-card support. With a 6-card suit, Responder uses Texas Transfers (see below).

## Forcing Bids by Responder (slam investigation)

When Responder has a slam-invitational hand if Opener has support, Responder may bid a new suit to determine if Opener has 3+card support for the major. A new suit by Responder after a transfer is forcing to game. For example, with ♠AQ742 ♥K96 ♦KQ97 ♣3, Responder can picture a slam if Opener has 3+card support (HE rises to 17 from 15). In this example, after the transfer to ♠s, Responder rebids 3♦ to check for fit. Opener shows 3+cards and no slam interest by jumping to 4 of the major or bidding 3 of the major with slam interest; otherwise 3NT. Opener does not bypass 3NT to support Responder's second suit.

## Opener Super Accept

If Opener holds 17+ HE and 4 of the major, Opener jumps to 3 of the major instead of simply accepting the transfer by bidding 2 of the major.

## Summary of Responder Rebids After a Jacoby Transfer

### Responder Rebids (Lacks Game Forcing Values)

Responder Rebid	HE	Meaning
<b>Pass</b>	<b>0-7</b>	Responder does not have enough points to invite
<b>2NT</b>	<b>8+-9</b>	Responder invites game with 5-cards in major: (a) Opener Passes with 15 HE and 2-cards in major (b) Opener rebids 3 of major with 15 HE 3+cards in major (c) Opener rebids 3NT with 16+HE and 2-cards in major (d) Opener rebids 4 of major with 16+HE and 3+cards in major
<b>3 of Major</b>	<b>8+-9</b>	Responder invites game with 6+cards in major (a) Opener Passes with 15 (b) Opener bids game in major with 16+points and 2+cards in major

### Responder Rebids (Game Forcing Values)

Responder Rebid	HE	Meaning
<b>3NT</b>	<b>10-15</b>	Responder has 5-cards in major: (a) Opener Passes with 2-cards in major (b) Opener bids 4 of major with 3+cards in major
<b>3 of a minor</b>	<b>16+</b>	Responder investigating slam; looking for support and/or extra values (a) Opener raises the major with 3+cards support (b) Opener bids 3NT with 2-cards in major. <u>Opener does not bypass 3NT to support Responder's second suit.</u>

### Texas Transfers (Game Forcing Values)

Used when Responder holds 6+cards in a major and Game Forcing values:

Responder Transfer Bids	Opener Rebid	Meaning
<b>4♦!</b>	<b>4♥</b>	Responder has a 6+card ♥ suit and GF values
<b>4♥!</b>	<b>4♠</b>	Responder has a 6+card ♠ suit and GF values

Responder may have interest in slam. 4NT after a Texas Transfer is 1430 KeyCard Ask (or Blackwood, when not playing 1430). Therefore, if Responder transfers using a 2-level transfer and jumps to 4NT, it is "quantitative ask" for 6NT. Opener bids 6NT with 16+ to 17 or Passes.

# Quiz 3: Jacoby Transfers I

Partner opens 1NT. Write your response in the “1<sup>st</sup> Response” column. Enter your rebids in the “2<sup>nd</sup> Bid” column if Opener accepts the transfer (if that’s your bid) at that level or Super Accepts with a jump to the 3-level (top to bottom).

	1 <sup>st</sup> Response	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bid	Your Hand		1 <sup>st</sup> Response	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bid	Your Hand
1a.	1NT – P – _____	— — —	♠ J ♥ AT974 ♦ 9854 ♣ 874	2a.	1NT – P – _____	— — —	♠ Q9654 ♥ 987 ♦ AJT ♣ K8
3a.	1NT – P – _____	— — —	♠ AKT732 ♥ J42 ♦ T ♣ 842	4a.	1NT – P – _____	— — —	♠ KT764 ♥ QT9 ♦ K2 ♣ T65
5a.	1NT – P – _____	— — —	♠ K76 ♥ AKJ43 ♦ 654 ♣ 83	6a.	1NT – P – _____	— — —	♠ JT9532 ♥ K84 ♦ J7 ♣ 43

You open 1NT and Partner makes a Jacoby Transfer, which you announce. Write your response in the “Opener’s Rebid” column. Enter rebids in the “3<sup>rd</sup> Bid” column if Responder bids NT or raises the major (top to bottom).

	Opener’s Rebid	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bid	Your Hand		Opener’s Rebid	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bid	Your Hand
1b.	1NT – 2♥! —	— — —	♠ T8 ♥ KQ54 ♦ AJ72 ♣ AJ5	2b.	1NT – 2♦! —	— — —	♠ QT3 ♥ 94 ♦ K98 ♣ AKQJT
3b.	1NT – 2♥! —	— — —	♠ K765 ♥ A972 ♦ AK ♣ QJT	4b.	1NT – 2♦! —	— — —	♠ KQ876 ♥ K2 ♦ AQ8 ♣ QT6
5b.	1NT – 2♥! —	— — —	♠ KQJ ♥ KJ43 ♦ K652 ♣ K3	6b.	1NT – 2♦! —	— — —	♠ QJT ♥ KQJ8 ♦ Q7 ♣ A432