

Jacoby Transfers I

When Partner opens 1NT and Responder holds at least one 5+card major¹, the Jacoby Transfer convention is employed to make the Opener the declarer. 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 8 points)

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

Responder Rebids (8+ or 9 points)

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 16+ points: 4 of the major when (i) holding 3+card support; or, (ii) Responder has rebid the major; otherwise 3NT.

Responder Rebids (10+ points)

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

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). For example, after the transfer to ♣, Responder rebids 3♦ to check for fit. Opener shows 3+cards and 15 by jumping to 4 in the major; or 16+ by bidding three of the major; or 3NT without a fit. Opener does not bypass 3NT to support Responder's second suit.

Opener Super Accept

If Opener holds 17+ points and 4 of the major, Opener jumps to 3 of the major.

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

Summary of Responder Rebids After A Jacoby Transfer

Responder Rebid	Points	Meaning
Pass	0-7	Responder does not have enough points to invite
2NT	8+-9	Responder invites game with 5-cards in major: (a) Opener Passes with 15 points and 2-cards in major (b) Opener rebids 3 of major with 15 points 3+cards in major (c) Opener rebids 3NT with 16+points and 2-cards in major (d) Opener rebids 4 of major with 16+points and 3+cards in major
3 of Major	8+-9	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 Rebid	Points	Meaning
3NT	10+	Responder has 5-cards in major and Game Forcing values: (a) Opener Passes with 2-cards in major (b) Opener bids 4 of major with 3+cards in major
3 of a minor	13+	Game Force: Responder investigating slam; looking for support and/or extra values (a) Opener <u>jumps to game</u> in major with 15 points and 3+cards in major (b) Opener raises major with 16+points and 3+cards in major (c) Opener rebids 3NT with 2-cards in major. Opener does not bypass 3NT to support Opener's second suit.

Texas Transfers

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

Responder Transfer Bids	Opener Rebid	Meaning
4♦!	4♥	Responder has a 6+card ♥ suit and GF values
4♥!	4♠	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, asking for Aces if not playing 1430).

Quiz 29: Jacoby Transfers I

Your Partner opens 1NT. Write your response using the ___ in the “1st Response” column. Enter your rebids in the “2nd Bid” column if Opener rebids at the 2-level or jumps to the 3-level (top to bottom).

	1 st Response	2 nd Bid	Your Hand		1 st Response	2 nd Bid	Your Hand
1a.	1NT – P – ____	—	♠ AT974 ♥ J5 ♦ 72 ♣ 9854	2a.	1NT – P – ____	—	♠ 543 ♥ KQ965 ♦ AJT ♣ T8
3a.	1NT – P – ____	—	♠ AKT732 ♥ 732 ♦ 832 ♣ T	4a.	1NT – P – ____	—	♠ T8763 ♥ JT9 ♦ 82 ♣ 765
5a.	1NT – P – ____	—	♠ K764 ♥ AKJ43 ♦ 65 ♣ 83	6a.	1NT – P – ____	—	♠ JT9532 ♥ K84 ♦ 87 ♣ 43

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

	Opener’s Rebid	3 rd Bid	Your Hand		Opener’s Rebid	3 rd Bid	Your Hand
1b.	1NT – 2♥ —	—	♠ AT ♥ KQJ5 ♦ A72 ♣ J854	2b.	1NT – 2♦ —	—	♠ Q43 ♥ 94 ♦ AKQJT ♣ K98
3b.	1NT – 2♥ —	—	♠ AKT7 ♥ K732 ♦ A2 ♣ QJT	4b.	1NT – 2♦ —	—	♠ Q876 ♥ A2 ♦ AQ8 ♣ AJT6
5b.	1NT – 2♥ —	—	♠ KQJ ♥ KJ43 ♦ K652 ♣ A3	6b.	1NT – 2♦ —	—	♠ KQJT ♥ K84 ♦ 87 ♣ AQ43