

TRANSFERS

(Red Suit)

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A transfer is an artificial or 'conventional' bid.

We make a Transfer bid after our partner has bid either 1NT or 2NT.

We do this by bidding either of the red suits i.e. 2♦ or 2♥

The aim of the Transfer bid is to keep the balanced NT opening hand hidden.

The Transfer bid also give responder a chance of a second bid.

When we make a Transfer bid we promise **at least** a 5 card holding.

2♦ promises at least a five card ♥ holding

2♦ partner must bid 2♥

2♥ promises at least a five card ♠ holding

2♥ partner must bid 2♠

Exp 1

West

1NT
2♥

East

2♦ Transfer to ♥
P 0 to 10 points

West

♠ A843
♥ K3
♦ AQ84
♣ T73

East

♠ K52
♥ QJT42
♦ 93
♣ 864

With a weak hand (0 to 10 points) East Transfers into their 5 card major.

West is compelled to bid 2♥.

East with a point count of 0 to 10 now passes.

Exp 2

West
1NT
2♥
P

East
2♦ Transfer to ♥
2NT

West
♠ AT52
♥ K6
♦ KT42
♣ Q96

East
♠ J9
♥ AQ743
♦ J86
♣ KJ3

East starts with a Transfer bid of 2♦ to show their 5+ holding in ♥s

West is compelled to bid 2♥.

East now bids 2NT to show 11 to 12 points and exactly 5 ♥s

West having a minimum open and only 2♥s passes.

Exp 3

West
1NT
2♥
3♥

East
2♦ Transfer to ♥
2NT
P

West
♠ AT52
♥ K96
♦ KT4
♣ Q96

East
♠ J9
♥ AQ743
♦ J86
♣ KJ3

East starts with a Transfer bid of 2♦ to show their 5+ holding in ♥s

West is compelled to bid 2♥

East now bids 2NT to show 11 to 12 points and exactly 5 ♥s

West with minimum points but 3 card support in ♥s bid 3♥ the known 8 card fit.

Exp 4

West
1NT
2♥
4♥

East
2♦ Transfer to ♥
3♥
P

West
♠ AT52
♥ K6
♦ KQ42
♣ Q96

East
♠ J9
♥ AQ9743
♦ J6
♣ K73

East starts with a Transfer bid of 2♦ to show their 5+ holding in ♥s

West is compelled to bid 2♥

East now bids 3♥ which shows a **6 card ♥** holding and 11 to 12 points

West being maximum bids game 4♥ in the known 8 card major fit

Exp 5

West
1NT
2♠
4♠

East
2♥ Transfer to ♠
3NT
P

West
♠ AT3
♥ KJ52
♦ AJ86
♣ 74

East
♠ KQ975
♥ QT
♦ KQ2
♣ J63

East starts with a Transfer bid of 2♥ to show their 5+ holding in ♠s.

West is compelled to bid 2♠

East now shows their point count by bidding 3NT (13 to 18) and only 5 card ♠ holding.

West having 3 card ♠ support chooses 4♠ as the final contract.

Summary

With the Transfer system into a major suit the first bid by responder shows **SHAPE**

The second bid by responder shows **POINT COUNT**. 0 to 10 pass
11+ bid on.

When you Transfer you are promising a 5+ card suit. You can not rebid that suit **unless** you have **6 or more cards** in that suit.

Responders second bid of 2NT shows 11 to 12 points

Responders second bid of 3NT shows 13 to 18 points

Finally

Generally Transfers are for 5 card majors and Stayman is for 4 card majors, with 1 or 2 exceptions.