## JACOBY TRANSFERS ★♥◆◆

Purpose: To keep the 1NT or 2NT opener or overcaller declarer when suggesting a suit, we bid the suit below our long suit asking partner to bid it first so that the better hand remains concealed during play (aka right-siding the contract). We want the lead to come around to a hand like this one rather than have it in dummy:

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★K4-YKJ65-+KJ84-★AQ53
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We need a 5+-card major or a 6+-card minor to transfer:

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1NT-2•-2▼

1NT-2▼-2•

1NT-2•-3•

1NT-2NT-3• (optional Four Suit Transfers)
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There are no point requirements:

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West East

♠QJ ♠T98765

▼AQ32 ♥654

♦A65 ♦432

♠A543 ♠2
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1NT-2♥-2♠ (this hand makes 4-5 more tricks in 2♠ than in 1NT)

After opener accepts the transfer, responder may:

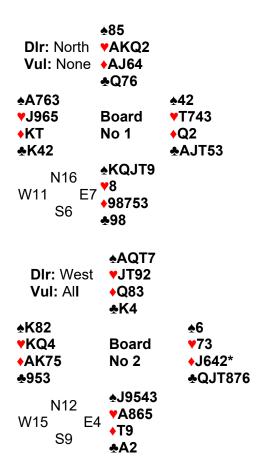
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pass invite game (2NT or 3♥/♠) bid game (3NT or 4♥/♠), Invite slam (4NT or 5♥/♠) bid slam (6NT or 6♥/♠) bid a new suit 1NT-2♦-2♥-3♠) splinter: (1NT-2♦-2♥-4♠) bid Gerber (1NT-2♦-2♥-5♠)
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We can transfer after a 2NT opener, but usually only in the majors

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2NT-3♦-3♥ 2NT-3♥-3♠
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We can superaccept the transfer to show the best hand the 1NT opener can have, usually 17 HCPs and four cards with two honors in the accept suit:

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1NT-2♦-3♥ Super-accepting in heats with ♠K4-♥KJ65-♦KJ84-♠AQ53
1NT-2♥-3♠ Super-accepting in heats with ♠KQ65-♥K3-♦AJ53-♠KJ64
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#### TEXAS TRANSFERS ♠♥♦♣

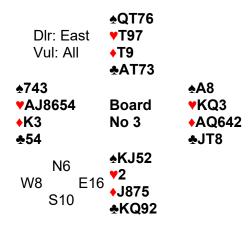
Texas transfers are like Jacoby Transfers with a few differences. The similarities are that they follow partner's NT opening bid or overcall.

- Texas transfers are at the 4-level. Jacoby Transfers are 2-level bids.
- Texas transfers show a 6+-card major. Jacoby Transfers only promise
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- Texas Transfers force to game, so should be at least 6 HCPs (can be fewer with 7+-card suits). One can make a Jacoby Transfer with no points.
- Texas transfers are only for the majors: 1NT-4♦ or 1NT-4♥.
- The are no super-accepts for Texas Transfers
- Texas transfers can be bid over interference: 1NT-(2♥)-4♥
- After a Jacoby Transfer, 4NT is quantitative: 1NT-2♥-2♠-4NT. After a Texas Transfer, it's Blackwood: 1NT-4♦-4♥-4NT
- Making a Jacoby Transfer and then bidding 4M, which also shows a 6+-card major, shows slam interest, whereas making a Texas Transfer shows no interest beyond game.

# Responders rebid:

No game interest: ★KJ8752-▼865-◆74-♣42 (4 HCPs) 1NT-2▼-2♠-p

- Invitational: ♠KT8752-♥K65-♦74-♣42 (6 HCPs) 1NT-2♥-2♠-3♠ (the 3♠ bid shows that the suit is 6+cards)
- Game but no slam interest: ★KJ8752-▼K65-◆K4-♣42 (8 HCPs)
   1NT-4▼-4♠-p
- Slam interest (no shortness): ★KJ8752-▼K65-◆K4-♣A2 (14 HCPs)
   1NT-2▼-2♠-4♠
- Slam interest (with shortness): ♠KJ8752-♥K65-◆4-♠AK2 (14 HCPs)
   1NT-2♥-2♠-4♦ or 1NT-4♥-4♠-4NT (keycard ask; recall that 1NT-2♥-2♠-4NT is a quantitative raise and shows a 5+-card major)



Any hand that can be bid using a Texas Transfer could have been bid using a Jacoby Transfer, but the reverse is not true.

Making a Jacoby Transfer and then bidding 4♥/♠(4M), which shows a 6+-card major, can be used to show a stronger hand (and slam interest) than going to 4M through a Texas Transfer.

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≜K4 ♥KJ9765 ◆A32 ♣K4 (14 HCPs) 1NT-2•-2♥-4♥.
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With a maximum such as ♠AQ65-♥QT8-♦KQ64-♠A7 (17 HCPs), the 1NT opener bids 6♥ (or 4NT if holding only 2 or fewer aces) but with a 15 HCP minimum such as ♠AJ65-♥QT8-♦KJ64-♠A7, he passes.

With longer suits, fewer HCPs are required for games and slams:

Opener holds something like ♠93-♥KQT8-♦AK75-♠AT4 or ♠AQ9-♥KQ-◆A65-♠J7632

With 6-4 shape in the majors, we bid Stayman before the Texas Transfer. We prefer the 4-4 major suit fit to the 6-2 fit whenever we have the choice:

Other bids where one suit stands for another

You know Jacoby transfers, where suits stand for the next highest suit just a with Texas transfers. There are two conventions where, like these transfers, a bid of hearts shows a spade suit, but where a bid of spades shows hearts. They both are used in NT auctions and like transfers, serve to keep the NT opener as declarer and his hand concealed during play

## Puppet Stayman:

2NT-3**♣**-3**♦**-3**♠** 

3♦ by opener says he has one or both 4-card majors. 3♠ by responder says she has 4 hearts, and asks opener to bid 4♥ with a 4-card heart suit or 3NT if the the NT opener's major was spades. Has responder held spades instead, her bid would be 3♥.

### Smolen

1NT-2**♣**-2**♦**-3**♥** 

3H here shows 5 spades (and four hearts or we would have transferred to spades with a 2♥ response instead) and game forcing strength. Opener is expected to choose 4♠ if she holds four, or 3NT if fewer.