

## 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:

♠K4-♥KJ65-♦KJ84-♣AQ53

*We need a 5+-card major or a 6+-card minor to transfer:*

1NT-2♦-2♥  
1NT-2♥-2♠  
1NT-2♠-3♣  
1NT-2NT-3♦ (optional Four Suit Transfers)

*There are no point requirements:*

West	East
♠QJ	♠T98765
♥AQ32	♥654
♦A65	♦432
♣A543	♣2

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

*After opener accepts the transfer, responder may:*

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♣)

*We can transfer after a 2NT opener, but usually only in the majors*

2NT-3♦-3♥  
2NT-3♥-3♠

*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:*

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

		♠85	
Dir: North		♥AKQ2	
Vul: None		♦AJ64	
		♣Q76	
♠A763		Board No 1	♠42
♥J965			♥T743
♦KT			♦Q2
♣K42			♣AJT53
		♠KQJT9	
N16		♥8	
W11	E7	♦98753	
S6		♣98	
		♠AQT7	
Dir: West		♥JT92	
Vul: All		♦Q83	
		♣K4	
♠K82		Board No 2	♠6
♥KQ4			♥73
♦AK75			♦J642*
♣953			♣QJT876
		♠J9543	
N12		♥A865	
W15	E4	♦T9	
S9		♣A2	

## 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 5.
- 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♥.
- There 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)

Dir: East Vul: All		♠QT76 ♥T97 ♦T9 ♣AT73
♠743 ♥AJ8654 ♦K3 ♣54	Board No 3	♠A8 ♥KQ3 ♦AQ642 ♣JT8
N6 W8 S10	E16	♠KJ52 ♥2 ♦J875 ♣KQ92

*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.

**♠K4 ♥KJ9765 ♦A32 ♣K4** (14 HCPs) 1NT-2♦-2♥-4♥.

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:*

**♠K65-♥J976432-♦98-♣5** (4 HCPs) 1NT-4♦-4♥

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:*

**♠KQ65-♥QJ7643-♦J76-♣void** (9 HCPs) 1NT-2♣-2♦-4♦-4♥

**Other bids where one suit stands for another**

You know Jacoby transfers, where suits stand for the next highest suit just as 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 NT opener's major was spades. Has responder held spades instead, her bid would be 3♥.

### ***Smolen***

1NT-2♣-2♦-3♥

3♥ 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.