

Jacoby Transfers Revisited (Partner opens 1NT)

- Advantage of transfers: Opening lead comes into strong hand, and strong hand is hidden during play.
- With weak 5-4 in majors, just transfer to longer major, don't use Stayman unless you have a club void. (Pard could have as few as 3 diamonds after denying a 4-card major.)
- With invitational 5-4 in majors (8-9 points), use Stayman, then bid the longer major over a 2D response by opener.
- With game-values 5-4 in majors, use Stayman, then JUMP in the 5-card suit over a 2D response by opener. Game-forcing.
- With invitational 5-5 in majors, transfer to hearts, then bid 2S.
- With game-forcing 5-5 in majors, transfer to spades, then bid 3H.
- A raise to 3 of the major by the transfer bidder guarantees 6 cards and is invitational to game.
- A transfer to a major suit, followed by a bid of a minor suit, shows at least 4 cards in the minor and game values...FORCING.
- An auction you don't want to have: 1NT-2D-2H-2NT-3H-4H. Why?
- Never transfer to a minor with only 5 cards. Best is 6 or 7 cards in the minor and a very weak hand.
- If pard opens 1NT and your RHO doubles, play "systems on."
- If pard opens 1NT and your RHO bids 2C, play that double is Stayman and transfers are on.
- If your pard makes a transfer bid and your RHO bids or doubles, pass if you have a doubleton in the transfer suit. Complete the transfer with 3 cards or more in the suit.
- You can "super-accept" a transfer by jumping in the transfer suit (e.g. 1NT-2D-3H). You should have 4 cards in the suit, at least 16 HCP, and a "good" doubleton. (No Qx, Jx or QJ.)
- Play transfers over 2NT openings and 2C-2D-2NT or 2C-2H-2NT auctions.