

Module 23 – Transfer over 1NT and 2NT Opening Bids

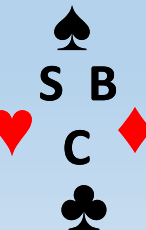
1. Revision of Responses to 1NT Opener
2. Transfer Bidding over 1NT Openers (Similar over 2NT)
3. Playing 6 Hands

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Revision of Bidding Over 1NT Opening Bids

1NT Opening =12-14HCPs and a balanced hand

Responder HCPs	Responder Bidding Options
0-10HCPs <i>Stop in a part-score</i>	Pass with a balanced hand Weak take-out with a long suit (≥ 5 card suit)***
11-12HCPs <i>Invite Game</i>	Bid 2NT with a balanced hand. Bid 2♣ (Stayman) with a 4 card major, and then bid 2NT when no fit, or raise if partner bids your 4 card suit
13+HCPs <i>Bid to at least Game level</i>	Bid 3NT with a balanced hand Bid 4♥/♠ with a 6 card suit Bid 3♣/♦/♥/♠ with a 6 card suit and an unbalanced hand (or a very strong one, with slam interest) Bid 2♣ (Stayman) with a 4 card major, and then bid 3NT when no fit, or 4 of the major if partner bids your suit.

However, what do you do with a 5 card major?



Transfer Bid Auctions over 1NT

Opener	Responder
<p>1NT "I have 12-14HCPs and a balanced hand"</p>	<p>2♦ "I have a 5 card ♥ suit"</p>
<p>2♥ "Whatever you say partner"</p>	<p>Pass: "I have a weak hand with 5 hearts, you can play in <u>2♥</u>"</p> <p>2NT: "I have 11-12HCPs and a 5 card heart suit. With minimum, <u>pass</u> or with ≥ 3 hearts <u>bid 3♥</u> Otherwise <u>bid 3NT</u> or with ≥ 3 hearts <u>bid 4♥</u>"</p> <p>3NT: "I have ≥ 13HCPs and a 5 card heart suit, <u>Pass</u> or if you have \geq bid <u>4♥</u>"</p> <p>3♥: "I have a 6 card heart suit and 11-12HCPs, <u>pass</u> with minimum, otherwise bid <u>4♥</u>"</p> <p>4♥: "6 card heart suit and 13-17HCPs"</p>

With a 5 card ♠ suit Responder Bid's 2♥ over 1NT then Opener must bid 2♠.
The Subsequent Auctions are similar to those shown above for heart suits

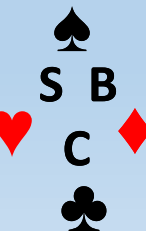




Consequences of using TRANSFER Bids

1. You no longer can use 2♦/♥/♠ as weak take-outs as they are **CONVENTIONAL** bids
You can show weak take-outs in the majors by bidding 2♦ or 2♥ and passing opener's transfer
2. You no longer need to show strong 5 card suits with 3♥ and 3♠
You can show such hands with 1NT - 2♦ - 2♥ - 3NT or 1NT - 2♥ - 2♠ - 3NT
Opener can pass or bid 4 of the major with 3 card support
3. 3♣/3♦/3♥ and 3♠ can now be the same good 6 card suits with possible slam in terest.
We will discuss slam bidding next week.

Remember, Transfer bids are also applied over 2NT openers





Examples of Transfer Bidding Auctions

a)

♠ K3	N W E S	♠ AQ9752
♥ A982		♥ J53
♦ K104		♦ A52
♣ A762		♣ 3

1NT
2♠
4♠

2♥
3♠
Pass

Without transfers E would have to underbid with 2♠ or overbid with 4♠ by bidding a transfer and then 3♠ she shows a 6 card ♠ Suit and values to invite game.

b)

♠ AJ76	N W E S	♠ 10
♥ K2		♥ AJ10943
♦ QJ4		♦ A83
♣ K982		♣ A75

1NT
2♥
Pass

2♦
4♥

East has enough HCPs for game and could bid 4♥ but by transferring and then bidding 4♥ It allows partner to play and conceals openers strength

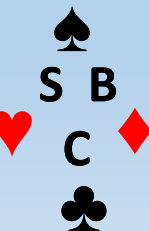
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♠ AQ3	N W E S	♠ K10765
♥ A2		♥ 43
♦ AQJ4		♦ 983
♣ K972		♣ QJ5

2NT
3♠
4♠

3♥
3NT
Pass

Equally applies over 2NT. East transfers and then bids 3NT showing 6+HCPs and a 5 card spade suit. With so little in hearts W decides it is better to be in a 5-3 spade fit





Transfer Bids can give you Two bids for the price of one

East with 5 spades bids 2♥, requesting partner to bid 2♠

Over 2♠ E bids 2NT, showing both 11-12HCPs and 5 spades

a)

♠ K54	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ AQJ32
N					
W E					
S					
♥ 83	♥ K75				
♦ AJ104	♦ Q87				
♣ AQ96	♣ 42				

1NT	2♥
2♠	2NT
4♠	Pass

West is maximum and with 3♠s accepts the invitation and bids 4♠

b)

♠ 106	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ AQJ32
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W E					
S					
♥ AJ2	♥ K75				
♦ AJ52	♦ Q87				
♣ Q1085	♣ 42				

1NT	2♥
2♠	2NT
Pass	

With only 2 spades and a minimum hand West passes the 2NT bid

c)

♠ 109	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ AQJ32
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W E					
S					
♥ QJ103	♥ 102				
♦ AJ3	♦ Q87				
♣ AQ97	♣ 42				

1NT	2♥
2♠	2NT
3NT	Pass

West is **maximum** but has only 2 spades, so bids 3NT





Transfer Bids as a Weakness Take-Out

a)

♠ K83	N W E S	♠ QJ752
♥ AQ82		♥ KJ3
♦ 104		♦ 9652
♣ A762		♣ 8

1NT

2♠

2♥

Pass

With only 7HCPs responder knows this is best played in a part-score.
The club holding suggests best played in spades, so transfer and conceal the strength of the 1NT opener.

b)

♠ AQ76	N W E S	♠ 102
♥ K52		♥ QJ943
♦ AQ4		♦ 983
♣ KQ82		♣ 975

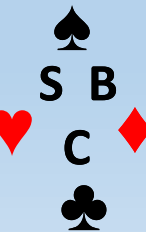
2NT

3♥

3♦

Pass

An example over 2NT opening
With only 3HCPs East wants to play a weak take-out in hearts. By transferring he conceals the 2NT opener's strength



Playing Hands for Module 23

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Dealer: North

Vulnerability:

♠ J95

♥ KQ52

♦ 83

12pts

♣ AQ109

♠ A74

♥ 1098

♦ QJ92

♣ 764

7pts

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 82

♥ J76

8pts

♦ AK1064

♣ 853

♠ KQ1063

♥ A43

♦ 75

13pts

♣ KJ2

Bidding: After South's transfer bid to spades with 2♥ she then bids 3NT which shows 13+ HCP and 5 spades allowing North to choose which game she wishes to be in. With 3 spades and a poor diamond suit she chooses 4♠

Lead: ♦A

Play: Defenders only have 3 tricks in a spade contract ♠A and ♦AK

However, had N/S been in 3NT they would make 6 tricks and put the contract back 2 tricks.

Bidding

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1NT	p	2♥	p
2♠	p	3NT	p
4♠	All Pass		

Deal 23.1





Dealer: East

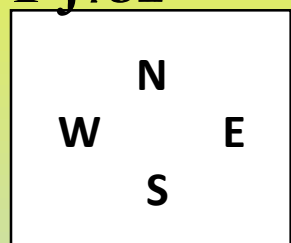
Vulnerability:

♠ 87

♥ AQ7

♦ A864

♣ J732



♠ K4

♥ K654

♦ QJ1053

♣ 84

11pts

12pts

♠ AJ3

♥ J102

♦ K92

♣ K1096

8pts

♠ Q109652

♥ 983

♦ 7

♣ AQ5

Bidding: West should realise that they only have a part-score and with 6 spades transfers and then passes opener's 2♠ Contract and "concealing" the strength of East

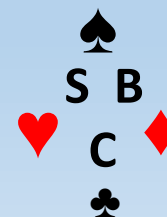
Lead: ♦ Q

Play: Defenders should make 5 tricks with 1♠, 3♥ and 1♦ so E/W should make the contract

Bidding

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1NT	p	2♥
p	2♠	All Pass	

Deal 23.2





Dealer: South

Vulnerability:

11pts

♠ 9

♥ Q10852

♦ 982 **2pts**

♣ 1093

♠ AJ62	<table border="1"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10974
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ 63	♥ K97										
♦ QJ73	♦ A54 7pts										
♣ K32	♣ 864										

♠ KQ53

♥ AJ4

♦ K106 **20pts**

♣ AQJ7

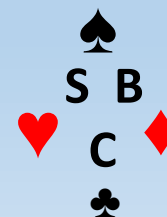
Bidding: N transfers to his 5 card heart suit with 3♦ and lets the strong hand play the heart contract and also “protects” the S hand as the lead is coming to him/her.

Lead: ♦Q and E should take the trick and return the diamond.

Play: With the club finesse being wrong and the heart finesse good declarer should make 9 tricks with the defence making 2♦, 1♣ and 1♠

<u>Bidding</u>			
<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
2♦	p	2NT	p
		3♥	All Pass

Deal 23.3





Dealer: West

Vulnerability:

♠ A52

♥ 1064

♦ KQJ2

♣ 862

♠ KJ4

♥ K9

♦ A65

♣ J10754

♠ Q876

♥ J5

♦ 109873

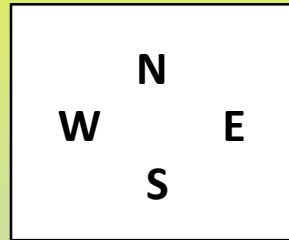
♣ A3

10pts

11pts

7pts

12pts



♠ 1093

♥ AQ8732

♦ 4

♣ KQ9

Bidding: After transferring to hearts with 2♦ East invites game and shows a 6 card heart suit with 3♥.

I would pass with W being minimum being minimum BUT some West players may choose to bid 4♥ knowing they have a 6-2 fit

Lead: ♦K.

Play: Only 1NT can make after the diamond lead with so many losing diamonds

As the cards lie with split honours in ♠ declarer can make 11 tricks losing only ♠A and ♣A.

However had East's spades and diamonds been reversed and the contract can't make and no bidding sequence identifies the singleton being ♦ rather than ♠.

NB. This is a game you would go into if you are behind opponents in a team competition and need a good score

Bidding

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1NT	p	2♦	p
2♥	p	3♥	p
p (4♥) All Pass			

Deal 23.4





Dealer: North

Vulnerability:

♠ K6

♥ KQ983

♦ J87

♣ Q53

♠ QJ105

♥ 104

♦ 9653

♣ A96

♠ A982

♥ J6

♦ KQ2

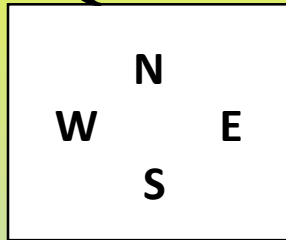
♣ KJ104

11pts

8pts

14pts

7pts



♠ 743

♥ A752

♦ A104

♣ 872

Bidding: After transfer bidding to show a 5 card heart suit

N invites game in NT or ♥ dependant on whether S has maximum and/or a 3card heart suit.

With maximum and only two hearts S bids 3NT

Lead: ♠Q top of a 4 card sequence.

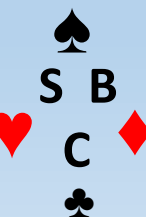
Play: Take 1st trick in N and immediately establish your longest work suit leading small heart t J and continueing until the ♥A is removed.

S should play ♠8 on spade return and W can only make 1 spade trick and the contract should make losing only 1 spade and 3 Aces (♥, ♦ and ♣)

Bidding

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
p	p	1NT	p
2♦	p	2♥	p
2NT	p	3NT	

Deal 23.5





Dealer: East

Vulnerability:

♠ 643

♥ A752

♦ A104

♣ 872

8pts

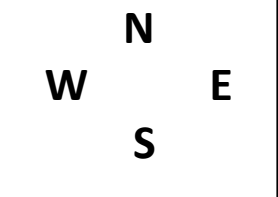
♠ 92

♥ KJ983

♦ J87

♣ 1053

11pts



♠ AK87

♥ Q6

♦ KQ2

♣ KQJ4

8pts

♠ QJ105

♥ 104

♦ 9653

♣ A96

7pts

Bidding

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	2NT	p	3♦
p	3♥	p	3NT
All Pass			

Deal 23.6

Bidding: Similar card combination to hand 5 with a 2NT opener with East. West shows a 5 card heart suit via a transfer and then shows game going values with 3NT.

With only 2 hearts E chooses to pass 3NT rather than bid bid 4♥ with the known 5:2 fit. With 3 hearts E would have bid 4 hearts

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Lead: ♠Q top of a 4 card sequence.

Play: Take 1st trick in E and immediately establish your longest work suit leading small heart to Q and continuing until the ♥A is removed.

With the E spade holding S can only make 1 spade tricks and again the contract should make losing only 1 spade and 3 Aces (♥, ♦ and ♣)

