

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 2		♠ A 6 4 3
♥ Q J 10 3		♥ 5 2
♦ K Q 5		♦ J 9 7 4
♣ 10 6 4 3 2		♣ Q J 7

17
8 8
7

♠ Q J 5
♥ K 8
♦ A 10 6 2
♣ A K 9 8
♠ K 10 9 8 7
♥ A 9 7 6 4
♦ 8 3
♣ 5

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

North opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

You transfer of course, but to which Major? It can work either way, but the preferred method is to first transfer partner to ♥s when you have an invitational hand. So you bid 2 ♦, and partner of course says 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

You now show your second 5-card Major by bidding 2 ♠.

At this point partner becomes the Captain. You have described an invitational (9 point) hand with 5-5 in the Majors. Partner's next bid should set the contract wherever he chooses. In this case, with a maximum 1 NT opener and 3 ♠s he picks 4 ♠.

Note that you must have at least one Major suit fit since partner cannot have a doubleton in both.

Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 3 2
♥ J 9 5
♦ A Q 5
♣ J 9 6 4 2

15
8 7
10

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ Q 6
♥ A 7 4
♦ K J 9 2
♣ K Q 8 3



♠ A J 8 5 4
♥ K Q 10 8 3
♦ 6
♣ 7 5

North

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

♠ K 10 9 7
♥ 6 2
♦ 10 8 7 4 3
♣ A 10

North opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

This is the sequel to Deal 6. You are 5-5 in the Majors again, but this time you have game forcing strength.

The preferred method for this hand is to transfer partner to ♠s, so you bid 2 ♥.

What do you bid after partner completes the transfer?

You show your second 5-card Major by bidding 3 ♥. Since this shows game-forcing strength (11+ points) partner may not pass, but must bid either 4 ♥ or 4 ♠. In this Deal he naturally bids 4 ♥.

If you held an even stronger hand and wished to move toward a slam you would start out the same way but then bid again

after partner's game bid.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 8
♥ 10 8 7 6 2
♦ 10 7 2
♣ J 8

15
4 6
15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ A Q 10 7 5

♥ 4

♦ 9 8 6

♣ A K Q 5



♠ J 4

♥ A Q J 5

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 10 9 6

North

2 ♥

3 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♠

3 NT

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

Initiate the transfer by bidding 2 ♥. After partner responds 2 ♠ what do you bid?

Your bid of a minor suit here shows at least 4 cards and is a slam try. With a weaker hand you would probably just bid 2 NT or 3 NT.

Having made the try, you accept whatever partner decides. In this case, with a 15 point minimum, a doubleton ♠ and no ♣ fit, partner settles on 3 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 6
♥ 10 7 6 5 2
♦ Q J 2
♣ 10 9

15
3 5
17

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 NT

Pass

6 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ A Q 10 7 5

♥ A 4

♦ 9 8 6

♣ K Q 5



♠ K J

♥ K Q 9

♦ K 10 7 3

♣ A J 7 4

♠ 4 3 2

♥ J 8 3

♦ A 5 4

♣ 8 6 3 2

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

With 16 points you have to be thinking about slam. But first things first, start the transfer process by bidding 2 ♥.

What is your next bid after partner's 2 ♠?

With 16 points you want to make an invitation to slam, but you also need to let partner know that you only have 5 ♠s so that he can play notrump when he only has a doubleton ♠.

The BEST way to say both these things is to bid 4 NT. This is similar to the 2 NT bid in Deal 2.

But you can see the problem with the bid - if partner mistakes it for Blackwood 4 NT things could get very confused. So

don't use this unless you know both of you are on the same wavelength.

Here both partners understood the bid and South bid 6 NT.

Deal 5

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 6 4 3		♠ A J 9 8
♥ 10 2		♥ 9 6 5
♦ Q J 8		♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 6 5		♣ A 3 2

5
6 9
20

♠ Q 2
♥ A J 3
♦ A K 6 4
♣ K Q J 10



West	North	East	South
			2 NT
Pass	♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by South

South opens 2 NT showing a balanced 20-21 point hand. What do you respond?

Jacoby Transfers work fine with 2 NT openings also. You should bid 3 ♦ as a transfer to ♥s. Partner complies by saying 3 ♥. What do you say now?

You bid 3 NT which tells partner you have just 5 ♥s and lets him decide on which game to play.

On this Deal partner has 3 ♥s so he bids on to 4 ♥.

Notice that when partner opens 2 NT the invitation to game option is no longer available. As responder you must decide immediately whether to stop short of game (by transferring then passing) or to go to game. This is not a serious problem

since the tighter (20-21) point range makes responder's decision easier to make.