

## JACOBY TRANSFER BIDS

Jacoby transfer bids are designed to show

- A. One five card or longer major with any strength
- B. Two five card majors with invitational or better strength
- C. One five card major and a four card or longer minor with slam aspirations

The responder to a NT opening bid transfers the play of the hand to the NT opener, forcing the defenders to lead into the stronger hand. This is done by simply bidding the suit beneath the major suit you hold. Another benefit of JTB is its ability to describe certain invitational hands. Players who use weak notrumps usually eschew JTB and tend to use natural bids or double-barreled Stayman. JTB is designed to be used with Stayman.

1NT	2D		xxx	AQx
			xxxxx	AKJxxxx
			x	Kx
			xxxx	x

Here, JTB is used to show a weak hand with a major or a huge hand with a major. Further bidding by the responder will clarify his hand.

The NT opener **must** accept the transfer. Accepting the transfer doesn't imply approval. You are merely following orders.

xx	1NT	2H
AQxx	2S	
KJx		
KQJx		

Note: if the NT opener has a Max, four card support and a side doubleton, he can jump to three of the transfer suit--a Super Acceptance!

## REBIDS BY TRANSFER BIDDER

1. With a weak hand, pass even if there might be a better spot.

1NT	2D	xx
2H	pass	xxxxx
		x
		xxxxx

2. With a six or longer card major suit,
  - a. with an invitational hand, bid three of your suit
  - b. with a game hand, bid game in your suit.

1NT	2H	KQxxxx	1NT	2H	KQxxxx
2S	3S	Qxx	2S	4S	Kxx
		xx			Qx
		xx			xx

3. With a **five** card major suit,
  - A. with an invitational hand, bid 2NT
    - (1). If the NT opener has a minimum, he will pass with two card support or correct to three of your major with three or four card support.
    - (2) if the NT opener has a maximum, he will raise to 3NT with two card support or bid four of your major with three or four card support.
  - B. with a game hand, bid 3NT
    - (1) If the NT opener has only two card support, he will pass.
    - (2) If the NT opener has three or four card support, he will correct to four of the major.
4. With 5-5 in the majors, bid

1NT 2D

2H 2S

with an invitational hand.

1NT 2H

2S 3H

with a game hand or better

5. Transferring and then bidding a minor suit shows at least a four card minor and is a slam invitation.

1NT 2D

2H 3C

Kx

AQxxx

Kx

Axxx

Partner can show support by bidding one of your suits. Bear in mind that if he raises your minor, you are beyond 3NT so he is accepting your slam invitation. Partner bids 3NT with no support or no interest in slam.

### Interference by the opponents

1. If the opponents double the NT opening bid or double the JTB, I suggest you play "systems on." In other words, all bids are just like the double had not taken place.
2. If the opponents overcall the NT opening bid, JTB is OFF at the two level but ON at the four level if available.
3. If the opponents overcall the JTB, the NT opener may
  - a. bid three of responder's suit with good support,
  - b. double for penalties (usually two card support for partner), or
  - c. pass with nothing special. Remember--partner still has a bid left.

### Miscellaneous

1. JTB can be used over a 2NT opening or after 2C--2D--2NT
2. JTB can be used over a 3NT opening or after 2C--2D--3NT
3. JTB can be used on the four level (Texas Transfers) to show a game hand with **no** slam ambitions. If this is used with JTB, then the sequence 1NT--2H--2S--4S is used to show a six card suit or longer and is slam invitational.
4. The sequence 1NT--3 of a major, shows a self sufficient six card or longer suit and invites cuebidding for a possible slam.