

## Transfers (aka Jacoby Transfer)

### Introduction

This convention is an extremely useful tool. It is what I call a “Multi-Functional” bid. In that I mean that it can be used both as a weak take-out over a No Trump opening (Any Level), and to ensure that the NoTrump opener’s hand is not exposed – i.e. **not** Dummy. It can also be used to investigate a game if the Responder continues on.

It is especially useful over a Strong No Trump bid, but is equally powerful over any No Trump opening.

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### Use

Over a No Trump opening bid (One, Two or any of the Big Two No Trump Re-Bids), responder bids:

(Next Level Clubs:            Standard Stayman)  
(2 Clubs over 1 NT, 3 Clubs over 2NT etc.)

Transfer Bids (Responder must have at least 5 of the suit being transferred to):

Next Level Diamonds:    Opener **must** bid Hearts at the first available level  
Next Level Hearts:        Opener **must** bid Spades at the first available level

If the Transfer is to affect a weak take-out, the bidding subsides there.

If the responder is interested in going further, the bidding will continue along standard lines.

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### Other

Another advantage with this system is the enhanced use of a Spade “Transfer”. This can be decided by the partnership. Possible options are:

Partnership have enough points to go to game, i.e. if partner has the Maximum (11 High Card Points over a Weak No Trump, 8 HCP over a Strong NT)

Reverse Stayman, which is looking for a Minor fit.

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