



Four Suit Transfers

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ONE 4 CARD MAJOR = STAYMAN 1NT 2C

Opener bids 2d with no major, 2h with 4 h could have 4spades. bids 2s this denies 4h.

In 2c
2h 3h = 8-9 w/ 4h.

In 2c
2h 4h = 10-14 w/4h

In 2c
2h 2s = 8-9 w/4s

In 2c
2h 3nt = 10-14 w/ 4s

In 2c
2s 2nt = 8-9

In 2c
2h 2n = 8-9 denies 4h and 4s

In 2c
2d 3n = 10-14

In 2c
2d 2n = 8-9 Does not promise major

TWO 4 CARD MAJORS = STAYMAN 1NT 2C

In 2c
2d 2n = 8-9

In 2c
2h 3h = 8-9

In 2c
2h 4h = 10-14

ONE 4 CARD MAJOR PLUS ONE 5 CARD OR LONGER
MAJOR = STAYMAN 1NT 2C

In 2c
2d 2h = 4s 5h

In 2c
2d 2s = 5s 4h both show 8-9 pts

In 2c
2d 3h = 4s 5h

In 2c
2d 3s = 5s 4h both show 10-14 pts

note: some players like a jump to 3h to show 5s 4h and a jump to 3s to show 4s 5h to right side the hand. This is called smollen.

5 CARD MAJOR = BID THE SUIT BELOW (TRANSFER)

1NT 2D 1NT 2H shows zero plus points unlimited

In 2d
2h p = 5h 0-7

In 2d
2h 2n = 5h 8-9

In 2d
2h 3n = 10-14

In 2h
2s p = 5s 0-7

In 2h
2s 2n = 5s 8-9

In 2h
2s 3n = 10-14

In 2d
2h 3h = 6 hearts 8-9 pts.

In 2d
2h 4h = 6 hearts slam interest
otherwise texas transfer.

TWO FIVE CARD MAJORS = TRANSFER TO HEARTS 5-8 PTS

IF RESPONDER NEXT BIDS 4NT IT IS ACE ASKING WITH CONTROLS IN THE SIDE SUITS.
RESPONDER MUST TRANSFER AT 2 LEVEL AND JUMP TO GAME WITHOUT CONTROLS plus
SLAM INTEREST.

1NT 2D

2H 4H – SLAM INTEREST, OTHERWISE WOULD TRANSFER AT 4 LEVEL. BE CAREFUL OF
THIS ONE. OPENER IS ALLOWED TO TAKE CONTROL AND ASK FOR ACES IF INTERESTED IN
SLAM.

OPENER CAN ONLY OBEY RESPONDERS' DEMANDS. IF RESPONDER ASKS YOU TO ACCEPT
THE TRANSFER, YOU MUST ACCEPT, EVEN WITH TWO SMALL. WITH A MAXIMUM NT AND
4 CARD SUPPORT OPENER MAY JUMP TO 3 OF THE MAJOR. (BERGEN PREFERS TO JUMP TO
3 LEVEL WITH MINIMUM HAND, AND BID DOUBLETON WITH BIG HAND AND 4 TRUMP
{OPTIONAL})

IF THE OPPONENTS INTERFERE OVER THE TRANSFER, OPENER DOES NOT HAVE TO
COMPLETE THE TRANSFER. IF OPENER COMPLETES THE TRANSFER THE OPENER
PROMISES 3 CARD SUPPORT OR BETTER.

IF RESPONDER HAS A SECOND SUIT, HE MAY BID IT AFTER THE TRANSFER WITH GAME
GOING VALUES.

ALL BIDS BY RESPONDER ARE STANDARD AFTER THE TRANSFER.

1N 2D

2H 4N

IS THE SAME AS 1NT - 4NT, SHOWING A 5 CARD MAJOR ON THE WAY, 4NT ASKS OPENER
TO PASS WITH A MINIMUM NT AND 2 TRUMP, BID 5 OF THE TRUMP SUIT WITH MINIMUM
AND 3 TRUMP, BID 6NT WITH MAXIMUM AND TWO TRUMP, BID 6 OF MAJOR WITH
MAXIMUM AND 3+ TRUMPS. (some prefer to answer keycards in hearts if accepting the slam)

RESPONDER MAY BID 4C GERBER TO ASK FOR ACES AND THEN 5NT ASKS OPENER TO BID
6 OF TRUMP SUIT OR 6NT.

RESPONDER CAN BID 5NT DIRECTLY AFTER THE TRANSFER TO REQUEST OPENER TO PICK
A SLAM.

1N 2D

2H 5N (THIS IS NOT A GRAND SLAM FORCE. SHOWS THE VALUES FOR SLAM AND WANTS
TO KNOW IF OPENER LIKES 6 H OR 6NT.)

RESPONDER CAN NAME A MAJOR SUIT AFTER A MINOR SUIT TRANSFER TO SHOW
SHORTNESS IN THE MAJOR AND LOOKING FOR NT WITH GAME VALUES. RESPONDER
BIDS THE MINOR WITH THE WEAK HAND AFTER OPENER BIDS THE IN-BETWEEN SUIT. OR
3NT WITH THE INVITATIONAL HAND IF OPENER BIDS THE IN-BETWEEN SUIT.

To ask for aces after a transfer, some use a jump in the other major as keycard.