

# Fifth Chair



## 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.

1n 2c  
2h 3h = 8-9 w/ 4h.

1n 2c  
2h 4h = 10-14 w/4h

1n 2c  
2h 2s = 8-9 w/4s

1n 2c  
2h 3nt = 10-14 w/ 4s

1n 2c  
2s 2nt = 8-9

1n 2c  
2h 2n = 8-9 denies 4h and 4s

1n 2c  
2d 3n = 10-14

1n 2c  
2d 2n = 8-9 Does not promise major

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TWO 4 CARD MAJORS = STAYMAN 1NT 2C

1nt 2c  
2d 2n = 8-9

1n 2c  
2h 3h = 8-9

1n 2c  
2h 4h = 10-14

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

1n 2c  
2d 2h = 4s 5h

1n 2c  
2d 2s = 5s 4h both show 8-9 pts

1n 2c  
2d 3h = 4s 5h

1n 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 Smolen.

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5 CARD MAJOR = BID THE SUIT BELOW (TRANSFER)

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

1n 2d                  1n 2d                  1n 2d  
 2h p =5h 0-7      2h 2n = 5h 8-9      2h 3n= 10-14

1n 2h                  1n 2h                  1n 2h  
 2s p = 5s 0-7      2s 2n =5s 8-9      2s 3n = 10-14

1n 2d    1n 2d  
 2h 3h = 6 hearts 8-9 pts.                          2h 4h =6 hearts slam interest  
    otherwise texas transfer.

TWO FIVE CARD MAJORS= TRANSFER TO HEARTS 5-8 PTS  
 (COULD BE 6-5 OR BETTER)          TRANSFER TO SPADES 9+

1NT 2D                          1NT 2H  
 2H 2S = 5-8                  2S 3H = GAME FORCE 9+

1NT WITH ZERO to 4 hcps TRANSFER TO A MAJOR AND PASS

6 CARD CLUBS = BID 2S TO TRANSFER TO CLUBS  
 (OPENER BIDS THE IN BETWEEN BID WITH AN HONOR)

1N 2S  
 2N----SHOWS HONOR in clubs AND INTEREST IN 3NT

1N 2S  
 3C ----NO HONOR OR INTEREST IN 3NT OPPOSITE 6 CARD  
 CLUB SUIT WITH 2 HONORS

1N 2s                          1N 2s  
 2n 3c= to play                  2n 3nt= invitational hand accepts

1n 2s  
 2n 3d/h/s = shortness in bid suit – game forcing with 6 plus clubs

6 CARD DIAMOND SUIT= BID 2NT TO TRANSFER TO DIAMONDS

1NT 2NT

3C----OPENER BIDS THE IN-BETWEEN SUIT. SHOWS HONOR AND  
 INTEREST IN 3NT OPPOSITE SIX CARD DIAMONDS AND  
 TWO HONORS

1NT 2NT

3D ---NO HONOR OR INTEREST IN 3NT OPPOSITE 6 CARD  
CARD DIAMOND SUIT

Responder passes 3d with drop dead hands and invitational hands. Bids game or shortness with game going values.

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5-5 OR 6-5 IN MINORS (WEAK) = BID 3C  
5-5 OR 6-5 IN MINORS (STRONG) = BID 3D

1NT 3C = WEAK 5-5 OR BETTER TO PLAY IN A MINOR.  
OPENER PASSES OR CORRECTS TO 3D TO PLAY.  
1NT 3D = GAME FORCE 5-5 OR BETTER TO PLAY IN MINOR.  
OPENER CAN Q-BID HIS FIRST ACE IF INTERESTED  
IN SLAM, BID 3NT WITH NO INTEREST OR SET THE  
TRUMP SUIT WITH POORISH HAND.

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4-5 IN MINORS = JUMP IN STIFF MAJOR  
1NT 3H SHOWS 3145 or 3154  
1NT 3S SHOWS 1345 or 1354

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6 CARD OR LONGER MAJOR TRANSFER AT 4 LEVEL  
1NT 4D= HEARTS  
1NT 4H=SPADES (USUALLY TO PLAY)

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.

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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 DOUBLETEN WITH BIG HAND AND 4 TRUMP  
{OPTIONAL})

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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.

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

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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)

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

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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.)

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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.