

## Responding to 1NT With Both Majors

When partner opens with 1NT and you have at least invitational to game values (9HCP) and a 4-card major suit you can respond 2C (Stayman). With a 5-card or longer major suit you can bid the suit by means of a Jacoby transfer. So, what do you do with both major suits? Do you transfer to show your 5-card suit or do you bid Stayman to ask about finding out if partner has 4 card support for your 4-card suit? What if you have both 5-card major suits and enough to invite game? Which one do you bid?

Strength of Hand;

Less than Game  
0-8HCP

Invitation to Game  
9-10 HCP

Game Forcing  
11+ HCP

With a 4-card and a 5-card major suit:

With invitational to game values (9-10 HCP) and a four-card and a five-card major suit: Bid **2C**. If opener bids a major raise to the 3 level. If partner bids 2D (no 4-card major) then bid 2 of your 5-card major.

With game forcing values (11+ HCP) and a four-card and a five-card major suit: Bid **2C**. If partner bids a major suit raise the major to game. If partner bids 2D (no 4-card major) then bid 3 of your 5-card major suit (jump to show your points).

With less than game values (0-8 HCP) and a four-card and a five-card major suit just transfer into the major suit and do not mention the four-card suit.

With both 5-card major suits:

With invitational to game values (0-10 HCP) bid **2H** (Transfer).

When partner rebids 2S then bid **3H**. Partner may either Pass, bid 3S, bid 4H, or bid 4S. depending on his HCP and 3-card suit.

With game forcing values (11+ HCP) and both 5-card majors bid **2D** (transfer). When partner bids 2H then rebid 3S (jump).

Partner must choose between game at hearts, spades, or no trump.

With less than game values (0-8 HCP) and both 5-card major suits: Bid **2D**. When partner bids 2H rebid 2S. Partner will Pass or go back to 3H.

What do you do with the following when partner opens 1NT and RHO then passes?

a) K76 Q7 AK765 872

b) Q876 J765 87 987

c) 98765 8 8765 987

d) K7652 Q987 A7 K8

e) K764 KT654 Q8 J8

f) AQJ76 987 K7 J87