

# **Audrey Grant Bridge Basics III**

## **Popular Conventions**

### **Chapter 2**

#### **Jacoby Transfers**

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# Jacoby Transfer Bids

**After a 1NT Opening:**

**With 5 or more spades, responder bids 2 ♥**

**With 5 or more hearts, responder bids 2 ♦**

**With 5 of one major and 4 of the other,  
responder should use the Stayman convention**

**Responder does not need any high card  
points to make a transfer response, only  
a five card or longer major suit.**

# Opener's Rebid After A Transfer

**Bid 2 ♠ if partner bids 2 ♥**

**Bid 2 ♥ if partner bids 2 ♦**

**Opener is obliged to accept the transfer**

## Advantage of Transfer Bids

**The weaker hand will become the dummy**

**The stronger hand will remain hidden**

# Jacoby Transfer Bids

Opener	Responder
1 NT	2 ♦
?	

You are opening bidder.  
How would you bid the following hand?

♠ A Q J 8  
♥ 7 4  
♦ K 10 7  
♣ A K 6 3

# Jacoby Transfer Bids

Opener	Responder
1 NT	2 ♦
2 ♥	

You are opening bidder.  
How would you bid the following hand?

♠ A Q J 8  
♥ 7 4  
♦ K 10 7  
♣ A K 6 3

**2 Hearts** – The transfer is not a request. It is a **command** for opener to bid 2 hearts, even with a low doubleton.

## **Jacoby Transfers allow the partnership to:**

**Get to the best game contract when responder knows there is enough combined strength to go for the game bonus**

**Invite game when the partnership may have enough combined strength**

**Stop in partscore when there is not enough combined strength.**

# Using Jacoby Transfer Bids

**In most cases, responder is in control of this auction to determine “How high?” and “Where?”**

**Opener must follow responder’s requests**

# Jacoby Transfer Bids

With 10 – 15 points, **How High?** is game (Do the math!)

The only question is **Where?**



**When responder has 10-15 points**

**When responder has a six card major suit**

**How High?** is game

**Where?** is at 4 of the major

**Responder transfers to the major suit, then takes the partnership to game in the major**

# Bid the following hand

Partner opens 1 NT – you hold the following:

How High?

Where?

♠ 8 6 2  
♥ A K J 7 5 3  
♦ J 9 4  
♣ 5

## Bid the following hand

Partner opens 1 NT – you hold the following:

♠ 8 6 2  
♥ A K J 7 5 3  
♦ J 9 4  
♣ 5

**2 ♦ - Transfer partner to hearts then jump to four hearts with 9 HCP and 2 length points and a six card heart suit.**

# Bid the following hand

Partner opens 1 NT – you hold the following:

How High?

Where?

♠ 9 8 7 6 4 3 2  
♥ Q 4  
♦ A K  
♣ J 4

# Bid the following hand

Partner opens 1 NT – you hold the following:

**How High?**

**Where?**

♠ 9 8 7 6 4 3 2  
♥ Q 4  
♦ A K  
♣ J 4

**2 ♥ - Transfer partner to spades, then jump to 4 spades with 10 HCP, 3 length points and 6 spades.**

# When Responder has a Five Card Major and 10 to 15 points

**How High? Game**

**Where?** We need more information from the 1 NT opening bidder to determine where.

# Where? With 5 card major suit by responder

If NT opener has **3 cards** in the major suit then game should be in that suit.

If NT opener has **2 cards** in the major suit, then game is in No Trump.

Responder transfers to the major suit, then rebids 3 No Trump.

Opener can pass with **2** of the major

Opener bids 4 of the major with **3** or more card support

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ A Q J 3

♥ 7 4

♦ K Q 6

♣ A 9 6 3

**Responder**

♠ K 4

♥ A 10 8 5 3

♦ J 3

♣ K J 7 2



# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ A Q J 3

♥ 7 4

♦ K Q 6

♣ A 9 6 3

**Responder**

♠ K 4

♥ A 10 8 5 3

♦ J 3

♣ K J 7 2

**Opener**

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

**Responder**

2 ♦

3 NT

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ A Q J 3

♥ K Q 6

♦ 7 4

♣ A 9 6 3

**Responder**

♠ K 4

♥ A 10 8 5 3

♦ J 3

♣ K J 7 2

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ A Q J 3

♥ K Q 6

♦ 7 4

♣ A 9 6 3

**Responder**

♠ K 4

♥ A 10 8 5 3

♦ J 3

♣ K J 7 2

**Opener**

1 NT

2 ♥

4 ♥

**Responder**

2 ♦

3 NT

Pass

# Using Transfers when Responder has an Invitational Hand of 8 to 9 points

**How High?** Responder is unsure with 8 – 9 points

Responder must invite game

**Where?** With 6 cards in the major, responder knows where is in the major suit

With 5 cards in the major suit, responder needs more information from the opening 1 NT bidder.

# Using Transfers when Responder has an Invitational Hand of 8 to 9 points

**With a Six Card Major Suit**

Responder knows **Where?** the Major suit

Responder transfers to the major, then **bids 3 of the major inviting game.**

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ J 9

♦ K Q 4

♣ K Q 10 5

**Responder**

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A 7 5

♣ J 8

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ J 9

♦ K Q 4

♣ K Q 10 5

**Responder**

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A 7 5

♣ J 8

**Opener**

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

**Responder**

2 ♦

3 ♥

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ J 9

♦ K Q 4

♣ A K 10 5

**Responder**

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A 7 5

♣ J 8



# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ J 9

♦ K Q 4

♣ A K 10 5

**Responder**

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 10 7 6 4 2

♦ A 7 5

♣ J 8

**Opener**

1 NT

2 ♥

4 ♥

**Responder**

2 ♦

3 ♥

Pass

# Using Transfers when Responder has an Invitational Hand of 8 to 9 points

**With a Five Card Major Suit**

Responder does not know **Where?**

or **How High?**

Responder needs more information from  
the opening 1 NT bidder.

# Using Transfers when Responder has an Invitational Hand of 8 to 9 points

Responder transfers to the major suit,  
then rebids 2 NT

**Where?**

With 3 of the major, opener rebids the major suit

With 2 of the major, “where?” is in No Trump

# Using Transfers when Responder has an Invitational Hand of 8 to 9 points

Responder transfers to the major suit,  
then rebids 2 NT

**How High?**

If opener is on the minimum, he passes  
2 No trump, or rebids 3 of the major

If opener is on the maximum, he raises  
to 3 NT, or rebids 4 of the major

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ 5 4  
♥ A K J 3  
♦ Q 10 9 5  
♣ K Q 7

**Responder**

♠ A 10 9 6 3  
♥ Q 4  
♦ 7 3  
♣ J 10 6 2

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ 5 4  
♥ A K J 3  
♦ Q 10 9 5  
♣ K Q 7

**Responder**

♠ A 10 9 6 3  
♥ Q 4  
♦ 7 3  
♣ J 10 6 2

**Opener**

1 NT  
2 ♠  
Pass

**Responder**

2 ♥  
2 NT

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ 5 4  
♥ A K J 3  
♦ A 10 9 5  
♣ K Q 7

**Responder**

♠ A 10 9 6 3  
♥ Q 4  
♦ 7 3  
♣ J 10 6 2

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ 5 4  
♥ A K J 3  
♦ A 10 9 5  
♣ K Q 7

**Responder**

♠ A 10 9 6 3  
♥ Q 4  
♦ 7 3  
♣ J 10 6 2

**Opener**

1 NT  
2 ♠  
3 NT

**Responder**

2 ♥  
2 NT  
Pass



# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ K 5 4

♥ A K 8 3

♦ 10 9 5

♣ K Q 7

**Responder**

♠ A 10 9 6 3

♥ Q 4

♦ 7 3

♣ J 10 6 2

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ K 5 4  
♥ A K 8 3  
♦ 10 9 5  
♣ K Q 7

**Responder**

♠ A 10 9 6 3  
♥ Q 4  
♦ 7 3  
♣ J 10 6 2

**Opener**

1 NT  
2 ♠  
3 ♠

**Responder**

2 ♥  
2 NT  
Pass

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ K Q 4

♥ A K 8 3

♦ 10 9 5

♣ K Q 7

**Responder**

♠ A 10 9 6 3

♥ Q 4

♦ 7 3

♣ J 10 6 2

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ K Q 4

♥ A K 8 3

♦ 10 9 5

♣ K Q 7

**Responder**

♠ A 10 9 6 3

♥ Q 4

♦ 7 3

♣ J 10 6 2

**Opener**

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♠

**Responder**

2 ♥

2 NT

Pass

# **Play Hand #5**

# **Play Hand #6**

# Using Transfers when Responder has a Weak Hand of 0 to 7 points

**With five or more in the Major Suit**

**Responder transfers 1 NT to the major suit,  
then passes**

**“The weaker the hand, the more important it  
is to transfer.”**

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ A K 6 4

♥ J 8

♦ A 9 5

♣ Q J 10 7

**Responder**

♠ 8 7 2

♥ 10 9 7 5 3 2

♦ 6

♣ 9 4 3



# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ A K 6 4

♥ J 8

♦ A 9 5

♣ Q J 10 7

**Responder**

♠ 8 7 2

♥ 10 9 7 5 3 2

♦ 6

♣ 9 4 3

**Opener**

1 NT

2 ♥

**Responder**

2 ♦

Pass

# Jacoby Transfer Bids - Enhancements

## Opener's Rebid After A Transfer – Super Accept

With four card support for responder's major and a maximum hand, opener can “**super accept**” the transfer by jumping to the three level.

# Jacoby Transfer Bids - Enhancements

If you (responder) have 10+ points and 6+ of a major suit, you may use a **Texas Transfer**.

Bid 4 ♦ to transfer to Hearts

Bid 4 ♥ to transfer to Spades

## Advantages:

Lets partner know you have 6+ of the major and can only play with that suit as trumps.

Takes up space on the bidding ladder.

# Texas Transfer Example

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ Q J 8 3

♥ 10 5

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A K 3

**Responder**

♠ K 10 4

♥ K 9 8 7 6 4

♦ K 5

♣ 9 6

# Texas Transfer Example

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ Q J 8 3

♥ 10 5

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A K 3

**Responder**

♠ K 10 4

♥ K 9 8 7 6 4

♦ K 5

♣ 9 6

**Opener**

1 NT

4 ♥

**Responder**

4 ♦

Pass

# Stayman or Transfers?

**With a four card major and a five card major,  
responder should use Stayman Convention**

**A 4-4 fit is better than a 5-3 fit**

**With a five or more card major suit and less than four of the other major, responder should use transfer bids.**

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ Q J 8 3

♥ 10 5

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A K 3

**Responder**

♠ K 10 9 4

♥ J 9 7 6 4 2

♦ K 5

♣ 6



# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ Q J 8 3

♥ 10 5

♦ A Q J 7

♣ A K 3

**Responder**

♠ K 10 9 4

♥ J 9 7 6 4 2

♦ K 5

♣ 6

**Opener**

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

**Responder**

2 ♣

4 ♠

# Signing off In a Minor Suit

**Responder bids 2 ♠ (transfer to 3 ♣ )**

**Opener is obliged to bid 3 ♣**

**or**

**Responder bids 3 ♣ (transfer to 3 ♦ )**

**Opener is obliged to bid 3 ♦**

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ J 9 7 6  
♥ A K 7 5  
♦ K Q  
♣ A 7 3

**Responder**

♠ 4  
♥ 6 3  
♦ J 9 7 6 5 3 2  
♣ 8 5 4

# How would you bid the following hand?

**How High?**

**Where?**

**Opener**

♠ J 9 7 6  
♥ A K 7 5  
♦ K Q  
♣ A 7 3

**Responder**

♠ 4  
♥ 6 3  
♦ J 9 7 6 5 3 2  
♣ 8 5 4

**Opener**

1 NT  
3 ♦

**Responder**

3 ♣  
Pass

# Using Jacoby Transfers after a No Trump Overcall





**“Systems are on”**

**Yes, Stayman Convention and Jacoby Transfers  
are “on” when partner makes a one or higher  
level No Trump overcall**

# Using Jacoby Transfer Bids after a No Trump Overcall

Opener	Partner	Responder	Advancer
1 	1 NT	Pass	?

Your partner has overcalled 1 NT.  
How would you bid the following hand?

 10 8 5  
 K 8 7 5 3 2  
 4  
 J 6 4

# Using Jacoby Transfer Bids after a No Trump Overcall

Opener	Partner	Responder	Advancer
1 ♦	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦

Your partner has overcalled 1 NT.  
How would you bid the following hand?

♠ 10 8 5  
♥ K 8 7 5 3 2  
♦ 4  
♣ J 6 4

**2 ♦ - Transfer to hearts and then pass**

# Using Transfers After a Higher Level Opening No Trump Bid or Overcall

**Responder's bids after 2 NT**

**3 ♣ is the Stayman Convention**

**3 ♦ is a Transfer to Hearts**

**3 ♥ is a Transfer to Spades**



# Using Jacoby Transfers When the Opponents Interfere

**If the Opponents “Double” or overcall “2 clubs” after the 1 NT opening bid, no bidding space has been used and transfers can be used.**

**“Systems are On”**

# Using Jacoby Transfers When the Opponents Interfere

Partner  
1 NT

RHO  
Double

Responder  
?

How would you bid the following hand?

♠ J 9 8 6 5 2  
♥ 8 4  
♦ J 8 6 4  
♣ 3

# Using Jacoby Transfers When the Opponents Interfere

Partner	RHO	Responder
1 NT	Double	2 ♥
2 ♠	Pass	Pass

♠ J 9 8 6 5 2  
♥ 8 4  
♦ J 8 6 4  
♣ 3

Systems are on – Bid 2 hearts transferring partner to spades and pass.

# Using Jacoby Transfers When the Opponents Interfere

Partner  
1 NT

RHO  
2 ♣

Responder  
?

How would you bid the following hand?

♠ J 9 8 6 5 2  
♥ 8 4  
♦ J 8 6 4  
♣ 3

# Using Jacoby Transfers When the Opponents Interfere

Partner	RHO	Responder
1 NT	2 ♣	2 ♥
2 ♠	Pass	Pass

♠ J 9 8 6 5 2  
♥ 8 4  
♦ J 8 6 4  
♣ 3

**Systems are on – Bid 2 hearts transferring partner to spades and pass.**

# Using Jacoby Transfers When the Opponents Interfere

Partner  
1 NT

RHO  
2 ♦

Responder  
?

How would you bid the following hand?

♠ 7 3  
♥ Q 10 9 7 5 4  
♦ J 8 5  
♣ J 6

# Using Jacoby Transfers When the Opponents Interfere

Partner  
1 NT  
Pass

RHO  
2 ♦

Responder  
2 ♥

♠ 7 3  
♥ Q 10 9 7 5 4  
♦ J 8 5  
♣ J 6

“Systems are off” after a 2 diamond, 2 heart or 2 spade overcall by the opponents. We make standard bids at this time. A 2 heart response is a signoff bid to play in hearts at part score.

## **Responder's Immediate Jump in a Major Suit**

**A jump to 3 ♥ or 3 ♠ after partner opens 1 NT shows a good six card or longer suit and interest in reaching slam. It is invitational, or quantitative.**

- With a minimum hand and poor support, 1 NT bidder rebids 3 NT.**
- With a fit for the major suit and good support, 1 NT bidder rebids 4 hearts and the partnership will likely reach slam.**



# Inviting Slam with a Six Card Major Suit

Partner  
1 NT

RHO  
Pass

Responder  
?

How would you bid the following hand?

♠ K 4  
♥ A K J 9 7 6  
♦ Q J 5  
♣ J 2

# Inviting Slam with a Six Card Major Suit

Partner  
1 NT

RHO  
Pass

Responder  
3 ♥

♠ K 4  
♥ A K J 9 7 6  
♦ Q J 5  
♣ J 2

**3 Hearts** - Responder jumps to 3 hearts showing interest in slam. With poor support and a minimum hand, opener rebids 3 NT. With good support and a maximum hand, opener rebids 4 hearts and the partnership will likely reach slam.

# **Play Hand #7**

# **Play Hand #8**