

“Jacoby Re-Transfers”

The major reasons for a transfer following Partner’s **1-NT** or **2-NT** opening call, or a “**2C**” – “**2D**” – **2-NT** sequence is to allow the stronger hand to become the concealed hand, and to make the opening lead pass through the weaker hand into the stronger hand. The stronger hand thus becomes the Declarer, assuming that the denomination of the transfer suit remains as the denomination of the Partnership’s final contract.

1-NT/2S/Pass (15 – 17 HCP’s)

Pass/Pass

Pass/Pass/Pass

“**2H**”/4S (Jacoby Transfer)

At times, however, Opener, in response to Partner’s Jacoby Transfer bid, is allowed to make a jump-response of Responder’s specified suit, a so-called “**Super Acceptance**” (Example 1).

(Example 1)

1-NT/3S/Pass (A “**Super-Acceptance**”) (17 HCP’s, with 4-Spades)

Pass/Pass/Pass

Pass/Pass/Pass/Pass

“**2H**”/4S

At other times, during the transfer sequence, an Opponent will make an intervening, interference Overcall, a bid which thwarts the intended Transfer (Example 2). In this instance, the desire for a Transfer to still take place is advantageous, for the two reasons stated above, and, thus, there is the need for a “**Re-Transfer**” in order to accomplish this same end-result.

(Example 2)

1-NT/Pass/3H/Pass

2S/Pass/Pass/Pass

Pass/Pass/Pass/Pass

“**2D**”/”**3D**”/4H (“**3D**,” here, is a **Re-Transfer**)

Summary: Jacoby Transfers, when applicable, are usually beneficial in maximizing the trick-taking capacity for Declarer by concealing the stronger hand and by causing the opening lead to enter Declarer’s possible “**tenaces**.” In the circumstance where there is bidding interference by the Opponents, the advantages of transferring are still applicable, and this is accomplished by the use of a “**Re-Transfer**,” as shown above.

Today, some Partnerships, as a pre-emptive and further descriptive mechanism, allow for “**3-way-Super-Acceptance**” bids, as follows: All Opener’s re-bids, here, are alertable. Several of Opener’s “**Super-Acceptance**” re-bids, as shown herein, also require a “**Re-Transfer**,” in order to accomplish these same advantages.

1-NT/”3H” (4-support pieces and 15, or a weak 16, HCP’s)

/ “**2S**” or “**3C**” or “**3D**” (4-support pieces, 16-17 HCP’s, and a doubleton in the suit bid)

/”**2-NT**” (4-support pieces, 16-17 HCP’s, and a **4-3-3-3** distribution)

3H/Pass

Pass/Pass/Pass

Pass/Pass/Pass

“**2D**”/4H or”**3D**”/4H