



## NT Openers and Advanced Responses

### ***PRACTICE: Texas Transfers and Relay to the Minors***

### **Relay To The Minors - SUMMARY**

#### **Opener bids 1NT.**

Partner has 15-17 hcp and a balanced hand. *RHO and LHO are passing.*

*If Opponents DO bid, then Responder will pass – not showing the long Minor suit anymore (until they learn a higher-level fix for the problem).*

#### **Responder bids 2S – Relay to the Minors**

Responder has a 6+-card Minor suit AND a very weak hand: 0-4 hcp.

This hand is usually worthless in NT because Partner will not win tricks in Dummy and be able to run the long Minor suit.  
The Minor suit is only good as a trump suit.

*This is an ALERTABLE bid! 1NT Opener must say “ALERT”*

*1NT Opener now knows that this auction will end on the 3 level. There is no game.  
The only thing for the partners to do now is to find the right Minor suit contract.*

#### **Opener's Rebid – Opener MUST bid 3C**

Opener does not know if Responder's suit is Clubs or Diamonds. Opener bids Clubs since it is the lower Minor suit.

*This is an ALERTABLE bid! Responder must say “ALERT”*

#### **Responder either passes 3C or corrects the auction by bidding 3D**

If Responder's suit is Clubs, he/she passes Opener's rebid.

If Responder's suit is Diamonds, he/she bids 3D over Opener's 3C.

**3D as a correction is NOT an Alertable bid! It is a natural bid. No alert needed.**

**This auction is over!** *Good luck!*

**NOTE:** There is no Relay to the Minor after a 2NT Opener

With a long Minor suit and 0 – 3 points, Responder Passes and hopes Opener can make a 2NT contract.



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## **Texas Transfer - SUMMARY**

### **Some pointers on using Texas Transfers vs Jacoby Transfers**

1. You still use the old Jacoby Transfer at times. But now you add the Texas Transfer into your repertoire.

2. Responder has a 6+-card Major Suit: May Add Distribution Right Now Before Making a First Response

0 – 9 points                      Jacoby Transfer – just like the old days

10 – 16 points    Texas Transfer

17+ points                      Jacoby Transfer first – then Ask for Aces

Responder has a 5-and-only-5-card Transfer: No Distribution without a Known Fit with Opener

0+ hcp Jacoby Transfer

3. The point of using a Texas Transfer with a 6+-card Major suit in Responding hand (a KNOWN Fit) and 10 – 16 Game-Going points is to get the partnership to a Major Suit Game as quickly as possible.

Don't let the Opponents make Lead-Directing bids to converse with each other.

4. If Responder has 17+ hcp, Responder already knows there is a Slam. Responder will be tasked with Asking For Aces during the auction.



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