

TRANSFER BIDS TO A MINOR

If we use Stayman and major suit transfers over 1NT openings then our partnership cannot play in 2C or 2D. If partner opens the bidding with 1NT and responder has a 6+ card minor and no interest in bidding game they can bid 2 spades, over which opener must bid 3 clubs. Responder then passes with clubs or bids 3 diamonds if they hold long diamonds

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1NT	2S	3C	Pass	Responder has 6+ clubs with no game interest.
1NT	2S	3C	3D	Responder has 6+ diamonds with no game interest. Opener must pass this bid.

When do Transfer Bids Apply?

Transfer bids are used if partner opens 1NT or overcalls 1NT after opponents open. They are not used after a 1NT response to an opening bid or if partner opens 1 of a suit and rebids 1NT at their next turn. They are not used if opponents bid over your 1NT opening.

Why do You Need a Six Card Suit?

Transferring to a minor forces the auction to the three level. You should have a distinct preference for playing in the suit rather than 1 no trump. (Note that major suit transfers enable you to play at the two level.)

What Happens if You Have a Six Card Minor and Enough to Bid Game?

Bid 3NT in most circumstances.

What do Immediate 3 Club and 3 Diamond Bids Mean?

<u>Opener</u>	<u>Responder</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1NT	3C/3D	Slam interest? (Invitational to game?) Partnership agreement is important.