

Transfers after 2NT rebid

In the auction 1m – 1M; 2NT all suit bids are transfers.

3C transfers to 3D; opener must accept the transfer

3S shows clubs; opener usually bids 3NT

1m – 1S; 2NT – 3D shows 5+ spades, 4+ hearts; opener bids 3H with 4 hearts, 3S with 3 spades, or 3NT

1m – 1S; 2NT – 3H shows 5+ spades; opener must accept the transfer

1m – 1H; 2NT – 3D shows 5+ hearts; opener must accept the transfer

1m – 1H; 2NT – 3D; 3S shows 5 hearts and 4 spades

1m – 1H; 2NT -3H shows 4 spades and 4 hearts; opener bids 3S with 4 spades, or 3NT

This system allows for more signoffs than the traditional 1m – 1M; 2NT – P. The benefit of transfers is that more information can be given.

I liked to play that opener rebids 2NT with all balanced hands including 4 card support. This has the benefit of keeping some auctions lower when responder stretched to respond. But what I like best is it allows the auction 1m – 1M; 4M to show hands that are extremely distributional that want to be in game.

I have seen similar transfer systems after the auction 1m – 1M; 1NT.

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