## Declarer Opens 1NT



| Auction: |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | E | S | W |
| $1 N T$ | - | 2 | - |
| $2 甲($ transfer to | $\vee)$ |  |  |

Auction:
N $\quad$ E
1NT
1
2
(transfer to

Responder has bid $2 \downarrow$ or $2 \downarrow$
The Red Suits

Declarer has bid $2 \boldsymbol{V}$ or $2 \boldsymbol{\alpha}$ after
responder's 2 or $2 \downarrow$ bid

So at this stage of the Auction we end up at the two level in the major suit held by responder

## We have:

Responder has 5 or more Spades:

| Transfer to Spades |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | E | S | W |
| 1NT | - | $2 \downarrow$ | - |
| $2 \downarrow$ | - | $?$ |  |

Or

Responder has 5 or more Hearts

| Transfer to Hearts |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | E | S | W |
| $1 N T$ | - | 2 | - |
| $2 \downarrow$ | - | $?$ |  |

It is now Responder who is going to bid.
What do they bid?
It all depends on Responders Hand:
Responder will either:

1) Pass
2) Invite Declarer to bid Game
3) Bid Game themselves
4) Pass


Auction:

| N | E | S | W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 NT | - | $2 \vee / \downarrow$ | - |
| $2 \nabla / \boldsymbol{L}$ | - | Pass |  |

****Weak Take Out into the Major Suit****

If East or West bid, Red Suit Transfers no longer apply.
Auction:

| N | E | S | W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 NT | $2 \boldsymbol{e}$ | $2 \checkmark / \downarrow$ | - is now a weak take out in $\downarrow / \bullet$ |
| pass | pass | pass |  |

Auction:

| N | E | S | W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1NT | - | $2 \downarrow / \boldsymbol{\varphi}$ | $2 \downarrow / \Phi$ |
| pass | pass | pass |  |

2) Invitation to Declarer to bid Game

3) Invitation to Declarer to bid Game

Example Auctions: Suit Contracts:

Responder is holding $6 \boldsymbol{\bullet}, 11-12 \mathrm{pts}$
Transfer to Hearts

| N | E | $S$ | W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1 N T$ | - | 2 | - |
| $2 \downarrow$ | - | $3 \odot$ | - |
| $4 \checkmark$ | pass | pass | pass |

and Declarer has said "Invitation Accepted" and bid Game.
Note: we can do the same for Responder holding 6 $\mathbf{~}, 11-12 \mathrm{pts}$ where the contract would be 44.

Responder is holding 64, 11-12pts
Transfer to Spades

| N | E | S | W |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1NT | - | 2 | - |
| 29 | - | 31 | pass |
| pass | pass |  |  |

and Declarer has said "Invitation declined" and left the contract at $3 \boldsymbol{s}$.
Note: we can do the same for Responder holding $6 \boldsymbol{v}, 11-12$ pts where the contract would be $3 \vee$.

Now NT contracts

| Tran | Spa | , | Ps) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | E | S | W |
| 1NT | - | 2 | - |
| 24 | - | 2NT | - |
| 3NT | pass | pass | pass |

Invitation Accepted:
Transfer to Hearts ( $5 \bullet$, 11-12 HCPs)

| N | E | S | W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

1NT - 2 -
2 - 2NT -
pass pass pass

Invitation declined:
3) Bid Game


## 3) Bid Game

Example Auctions:

| Transfer to Hearts $(6 \bullet, 13+$ pts $)$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N | E | S |  |
| 1NT | - | 2 | - |
| $2 \checkmark$ | - | $4 \checkmark$ | pass |
| pass | pass |  |  |


| Transfer to Spades (6*, 13+pts) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | E | S | W |
| 1NT | - | $2 \checkmark$ | - |
| 24 | - | 49 | pass |
| pass |  |  |  |


| Transfer to Spades (5a, 13+ HCPs) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | E | S | W |
| 1NT | - | $2 \checkmark$ | - |
| 24 | - | 3NT | pass |
| pass |  |  |  |

Transfer to Hearts (5•, 13+ HCPs)

| N | E | S | W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

1NT - 2 -
2 - 3NT pass
pass pass

## What have we achieved?

## Flexibility!

Take this Auction

| N | E | S |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1NT | - | Wa Game Forcing |

Our 3a bid is asking partner if they have 3a and if they do to bid 44. If not then to bid 3NT

With Red Suit Transfers we have added an invitational bids:

| N | E | S | W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1NT | - | $2 \downarrow$ | - |
| 2 | - | 3 |  |

inviting partner to bid 4a

| N | E | S | W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1NT | - | $2 \downarrow$ | - |
| 2 | - | 2NT |  |

telling partner we have 5 of the Major who can now decide whether to pass, bid 3NT or with 3 of the Major, bid 4

This modifies our NT strategy:
Declarer: 1NT
Responses at the Two Level:
2. Stayman - looking for a 4-4 Major Fit
2. Transfer to Hearts

2• Transfer to Spades
2. Minor Suit Transfers

Responses at the Three Level:

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But with Red Suit Transfers we bid $2 \downarrow$ or $2 \vee$ first then:
3ヶ Invitational
34 Invitational
2NT Invitational

