

Transfer Responses to 1♣ – Part II



Improve Your Bidding

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Please read last month's article [Transfer Responses to 1♣](#) before reading this second part.

This convention has been played in other countries for over 18 years. It wasn't until 2018 that the ACBL allowed it in the Open and Open+ Charts. Many expert pairs have adopted this method, which offers many advantages. Although there are several versions, this one is based upon Aggarwal's 2006 article. We assume a 2/1 and strong notrump structure.

Open 1♣ with 2+ clubs, balanced 12-14 and 17-19 (no 5 card major), or any hand you currently open 1♣. Open 1N with 15-16. A 1♦ opening shows an unbalanced hand with either 5+ diamonds or 4441/1444/4144.

Rebids after 1♣ – 1♦; 1♥ (12-14, 2-4 hearts or 15, 3 hearts)

- 1♠ F, 4 spades, 4+ hearts
- 1N 4-9, to play
- 2♣ Transfer to diamonds
- 2♦
 - Pass To play with 6 diamonds and 4 hearts
 - 2♥ 10-12, 5 hearts
 - 2N 10-12, invites
- 2♥ 6 hearts, 8-9
- 2♦ 6 hearts, 10-12
- 2♥ 5+ hearts, 4-9

Rebids after 1♣ – 1♠; 1N (12-14 balanced or 4414/3415 [5 bad clubs])

- 2♣ Club limit raise
- 2♦ To play
- 2♥ 5+ clubs, 4 diamonds, invites
- 2♠ 5+ diamonds, 4 clubs, invites
- 2N 10-11 balanced, invites
- 3♣/3♦ 5+ minor, invites

Rebids after 1♣ – 1♠; 2♦ (17-19 balanced or 15-19 with 5+ clubs and 4+ diamonds)

- 2♥ Forcing one round
- 2♠ F, diamond reverse
- 2N 17-19 balanced
- 3♣ 6+ clubs, 4+ diamonds, to play
- 2♠ Invites
- 2N 17-18 balanced
- 3♣ 5+ clubs, 4+ diamonds
- 3♦ 6 clubs, 5 diamonds
- 3♥ Heart stop, GF
- 3♠ Spade stop, GF

3N 19 balanced
2N 10-11, GF
3♣/3♦ 5+ minor, GF
3♥/3♠ 0-1 major, 5+ diamonds
3N To play

Rebids after 1♣ – 2♦; (4-7, 6 card major)

2♥ NF
Pass To play
2♠ To play
2♠ Invites game in hearts or signoff in spades
Pass To play
3♥/4♥ To play
2N F, Invites game in either major
3♥/3♠ To play
4♥ Pass or correct to 4♠
3♣/3♦ To play
3♥ Invites game in spades or signoff in hearts

Rebids after 1♣ – 2♥; (Reverse Flannery: 4-8, 5 spades and 4/5 hearts)

Pass To play
2♠ To play
2N Asking, 16+
3♣ 5-4 majors, minimum OR 5-4 majors, maximum with no minor stops
3♦ 5-4 majors, maximum, club or both minor stops
3♥ 5-5 majors, minimum
3♠ 5-5 majors, maximum
3N 5-4 majors, maximum, diamond stop
3♣ 5+ clubs, to play
3♦ GF, asks for both minor stops
3♥ 4 hearts, invites
3♠ 3 spades, invites
3N To play

Transfer responses to 1♣ involve advanced treatments allowed only in Open and Open+ events. Be sure to mark your convention card and alert properly. Thoroughly discuss applicable auctions, including passed hand bids, before playing these treatments with your regular partner.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please email me at ronaldlien@aol.com. ♣