

# Transfer Responses to 1♣ – Part I



## Improve Your Bidding

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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.

Opener is often stronger than responder, so transfers right side more suit contracts. Transfers also result in lower level part score contracts.

### 1♣ Responses

PASS 0-4, no 4 card major (see 3♣, 3♦, 3♥)

1♦ 4+, 4+ hearts

1♥ 4+, 4+ spades

1♠ 1] 5-10 balanced  
2] 4+ in a minor  
3] 10-12, 5+ clubs

1N GF, 5+ clubs

2♣ GF, 5+ diamonds

2♦ 4-7, 6 card major

2♥ 4-8, 5 spades, 4 hearts

2♠ 11-12, balanced, invites

2N 12-14 GF, balanced, major stoppers

3♣ 4-7, 6+ clubs

3♦ 4-7, 7+ hearts

3♥ 4-7, 7+ spades

3♠ GF, balanced, transfer to 3N

3N 15-17 GF, balanced, major stoppers

### Rebids after 1♣ – 1♦ (showing 4 hearts)

1♥ F, 12-14, 2-4 hearts OR 15, 3 hearts

1♠ F, 12-16, 4 spades and 4+ clubs

1N 17-19, balanced, 4 spades possible

2♣ 12-15, 5+ clubs, 0-2 hearts

2♦ 16-18, 5+ clubs, 4+ diamonds

2♥ 15-17, 4 hearts

2♠ 17-19, 4 spades and 4+ clubs

2N 16-19, F

- 1] Long clubs, better than 3 clubs
- 2] 6+ clubs, 3 hearts
- 3] 5+ clubs, 4 hearts, GF
- 3♣ 16-18, 5+ clubs, 0-2 hearts, NF
- 3♦ 16+, 0-1 diamond, 4 hearts
- 3♥ 18-19, balanced, 4 hearts
- 3♠ 16-19, 0-1 spade, 4 hearts
- 3N 16-19, 0-1 club, 4 hearts
- 4♣ 16-19, 6 clubs and 4 hearts

**Rebids after 1♣ – 1♥ (showing 4 spades)**

- 1♠ F, 12-16, 2-4 spades
- 1N 17-19, balanced, 4 spades possible
- 2♣ 12-15, 5+ clubs
- 2♦ 15-18, 5+ clubs, 4+ diamonds
- 2♥ 15-18, 4 hearts
- 2♠ 17-19, 4 spades and 4+ clubs
- 2N 16-19, F
  - 1] Long clubs, better than 3 clubs
  - 2] 6+ clubs, 3 spades
  - 3] 5+ clubs, 4 spades
- 3♣ 16-18, 6+ clubs, 0-2 spades, NF
- 3♦ 16+, 0-1 diamond, 4 spades
- 3♥ 18-19, balanced, 4 spades
- 3♠ 16-19, 0-1 club, 4 spades
- 3N To play
- 4♣ 16-19, 6 clubs and 4 spades

**Rebids after 1♣ – 1♠ (5-11 hcp balanced, 4+ minor unbalanced or limit clubs)**

- 1N 12-14, balanced or 4414/3415 (5 bad clubs)
- 2♣ 12-15, 5+ clubs
- 2♦ 1] 17-19 balanced  
2] 15-18 with 5+ clubs and 4+ diamonds
- 2♥ 15-18, 4 hearts and 4+ clubs
- 2♠ 15-18, 4 spades and 4+ clubs
- 2N 19+, club or diamond reverse
  - 1] Long clubs, better than 3 clubs, GF
  - 2] 5+ clubs, 4 diamonds, GF
- 3♣ 16-18, 6+ clubs, NF
- 3♦ 16-19, 0-1 diamond, 5 good or 6+ clubs
- 3♥ 16-19, 0-1 heart, 5 good or 6+ clubs
- 3♠ 16-19, 0-1 spade, 5 good or 6+ clubs

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. Next month Part II will explore the remaining auctions and continuations.

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