

## 7)1NT opening, transfer to majors and super-acceptance.

Jacoby transfer responses over 1NT opening bid are very popular. The requirement to use Jacoby transfer bids is a 5+ cards major and 0+ HCP. The 1NT opener, in absence of specific pair agreements, mechanically executes the transfer at 2 level as requested by responder. Would responder have an inviting hand, he could invite opener to game by bidding the major at 3 level. Using such technique though, implies the risk of going to 3 level when opener has a minimum hand and a bare doubleton support. To avoid such problem we can use the super-acceptance technique that works as follows:

**N**            **S**

1NT            2♦ = transfer to ♥, it promises 5+♥ and 0+ HCP.

2♥ = 2 cards support

2♠ = 4 cards support with 1 top honour or 3 cards support with 2 top honours.

3♣ = 4 cards support without a top honour or 3 cards support with 1 top honour.

Over 2♠ or 3♣ re-bid, responder will bid 3♦ as conclusive transfer to 3♥ or 4♦ as conclusive transfer to 4♥ depending on his hand strength.

Conversely:

**N**            **S**

1NT            2♥ = transfer to ♠, promising 5+♠ and 0+ HCP.

2♠ = 2 cards support.

2NT = 4 cards support with 1 top honour or 3 cards support with 2 top honours .

3♣ = 4 cards support without a top honour or 3 cards support with 1 top honour

Over 2NT or 3♣ re-bid, responder will bid 3♥ as conclusive transfer to 3♠ or 4♥ as conclusive transfer to 4♠ depending on his hand strength.