



Minor suit Jacoby transfer

Jacoby transfer In response to a 1 NT opening, a Jacoby transfer is a bid made in the suit right below the one you are interested in (2 ♦ for ♥... 3 ♣ for ♦)

You can use a Jacoby transfer convention :

- For a major suit : with at least 5 cards and a minimum of ... 0 HCP !
- For a minor suit :
 - with at least 6 cards in a weak hand
 - or 5 cards with more than 8 HCP

The hand strength has no upper limit for a Jacoby transfer : it may lead to a slam.

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
3 ♣			

5 ♠	6 ♥	5 ♥	4 ♥	5 ♣	4 ♣	3 ♣	K ♦	10 ♦	9 ♦	7 ♦	4 ♦	3 ♦
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Jacoby with a major suit and 0 HCP

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♠			

4 ♠	J ♥	4 ♥	K ♣	J ♣	10 ♣	5 ♣	2 ♣	K ♦	Q ♦	10 ♦	8 ♦	2 ♦
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Jacoby with 5 ♣ cards, 8 HCP (or more) and a singleton



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A minor suit Jacoby transfer is for :

- A weak and unbalanced hand in order to play a part game (with a weak but balanced hand, you'd rather pass)
- A strong hand (8HCP or more), a singleton and...no 4 card major (always give priority to the Stayman convention)
- With a strong hand but no singleton, bid 2 or 3 NT according to your strength

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
3 NT			



No Jacoby. You can dare 3 NT. You give 6 tricks yourself !

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
3♣			



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Go for a ♦ Jacoby transfer because of your ♠ singleton, which forbids you to close at 3 NT.



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Development after a minor Jacoby

The opener must complete the transfer

The responder :

- Passes with a weak hand
- Names his singleton : the french system uses a quite tough convention :
 - 3 ♥ = singleton ♠
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 - 3 SA = singleton in the other minor
- Describes his two suited hand
- Describes his one suited hand with slam ambitions
- With a 16-17 HCP balanced hand, he proposes a slam : 4 NT.

A	10	5	2	Q	7	6	K	10	K	Q	J	9
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥			

K	J	9	2	A	Q	9	8	7	6	10	7	4
♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

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3 ♥ actually shows a ♥ singleton.



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Development : the opener closes either in NT or in the suit

- If he guards the singleton suit, he concludes : 3 NT
- If he has no stopper in the singleton suit, the opener chooses to play trump and makes a game or a slam bid
- Responding to 4 NT, the opener will go to 6 NT with a maximum hand

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT			



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The opener is guarding his partner's singleton suit (♥) : 3 NT