



The Rubensohl convention after a 2 PI overcall on 1NT opening

The Rubensohl is used by the responder after a 1NT opening and an overcall. Zia recommends that experienced players use this convention.

After a natural overcall of 2 PI:

- from 2NT onwards all bids are Texas transfer bids. 2NT is therefore artificial (Texas for clubs)
- the impossible Texas is a Stayman
- Le cue-bid at 3 ♠ is a strong Stayman fort with a shortness in ♠
- the double is a takeout. It could be a Stayman with just 8HCP or show a balanced hand of 8HCP or more.

K	J	9	A	7	3	K	Q	10	Q	10	6	4
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	2 ♠
X	Pass	2 NT	Pass
Pass			

5	3	10	9	6	5	A	9	4	K	J	5	3
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problème E9090

X that here replaces the stayman : The opener being minimum and not fitted, the bidding will sytop at 2NT 2SA.

4	2	Q	J	6	4	K	Q	9	5	7	4	3
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
1 NT	2 ♠	X	Pass
3 NT			

A	Q	10	10	5	A	10	6	K	Q	J	10	6
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problème E9052

X Ambiguous double that here works as a Stayman : The opener, not fitted and Mawimum jumps to game at 3NT



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Texas transfer responses

Starting from 2 NT the 3 following bids are Texas transfers.

- 1 NT - 2 ♠ - 2 SA : Texas transfer for ♣ (it guarantees 6 cards)
- 1 NT - 2 ♠ - 3 ♣ : Texas transfer for ♦
- 1 NT - 2 ♠ - 3 ♦ : Texas transfer for ♥
- 1 NT - 2 ♠ - 3 ♥ : Impossible transfer, the responder cannot be suggesting playing 3 ♠ . This bid shows a 5 carder in ♥, a stopper in ♠ and at least 9 HCPs 9H

K	6	5	Q	3	K	J	10	3	A	Q	8	4
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

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

8	7	J	10	9	6	5	4	Q	7	6	6	5
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problème E9086

3 ♦ Texas transfer for ♥

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

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

5	3	8	4	5	3	Q	J	9	6	5	4	3
♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problème E9055

3 ♣ Texas transfer for ♦ : The responder has only 3 points but a seven card suit . He does not want to let the opps play 2 ♠ .



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The 3 ♥ is the Impossible transfer : You do not want to play in the overcaller's suit !

It guarantees

- 5 cards in ♥
- a ♠ stopper

The opener now has to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♥ !

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

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	2 ♠
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass			

K	5	K	J	9	7	4	Q	5	4	7	6	5
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problème E9061

3 ♥ Impossible transfer bid that guarantees 5 cards in ♥ and a stopper in ♠. It is now up to the opener to choose the best game !



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After the 2 ♠ overcall, the 3 ♠ bid (cue-bid) is a strong Stayman:

- Shortness in ♠
- Forcing to game

The opener now must choose between 3 SA and 4 ♥ !

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

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	2 ♠
3 ♠			

6	A	J	10	5	K	J	10	5	3	A	8	5
♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problème 9129

3 ♠ Le cue-bid is a strong Stayman forcing to game that promises at least 9HCP, .