

Summary of Transfer Responses to 1NT

The following tables summarise how you can show strong, intermediate or weak hands in response to an opening bid of 1NT (12-14).

	0-10 Weak		11-12 Intermediate		12-13+ Strong	
6+ hearts	1NT	2♦	1NT	2♦	1NT	2♦
	2♥	Pass	2♥	3♥	2♥	4♥
5 hearts	1NT	2♦	1NT	2♦	1NT	2♦
	2♥	Pass	2♥	2NT	2♥	3NT

	0-10 Weak		11-12 Intermediate		12-13+ Strong	
6+ spades	1NT	2♥	1NT	2♥	1NT	2♥
	2♠	Pass	2♠	3♠	2♠	4♠
5 spades	1NT	2♥	1NT	2♥	1NT	2♥
	2♠	Pass	2♠	2NT	2♠	3NT

A 12-point hand with a 6-card major should be upgraded to Strong.

Once responder has made his 2nd bid, opener should be in a good position to decide the final contract. For example

North
 ♠ A K 7 4
 ♥ K 5 2
 ♦ Q J 10 4
 ♣ 10 4

North	South
1NT	2♦
2♥	3♥
4♥	

South shows a 6-card heart suit, so North accepts the game invitation.

North
 ♠ A J
 ♥ K 5 2
 ♦ Q J 10 4
 ♣ J 10 4 2

North	South
1NT	2♥
2♠	2NT
Pass	

South shows a 5-card spade suit, so North elects to play in 2NT with only 12 points.

Alert!

Red suit transfers over an opening bid of 1NT need to be **announced**.

When you bid 2♦, your partner says: 'hearts' and when you bid 2♥, your partner says 'spades'.

In all other cases, the transfer bid should be alerted, but the completion of the transfer, by the NT opener should not normally be alerted.