

Transfers in Competition

Transfer Advances of Overcalls

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Storyboard

- We all use transfers to give us bidding space
- Bidding space in shortest supply when they compete
 - Do we use transfers enough then?
- Why it helps particularly after an overcall
 - Forcing and non-forcing is allowed
 - Copes with prepared club rather well

The key responses

- After partner overcalls at 1-level
 - second seat or protective (but not sandwich)
 - if next hand passes or doubles (cancelled by a bid)
 - can trade values for length
- 1N : transfer to clubs
- suit : transfer to next suit
- transfer into my suit : good raise
- direct raise : weak raise
- [jumps : fit jumps and/or splinters]

Overcaller's reaction

- Accept unless something constructive to say
 - Alternatives to accept are all natural
- Opener will expect
 - Advancer will show 3cd support first if present
 - Transfer to suit then support is 2cd support
 - Transfer to their suit then new suit is 4cds

Some examples

- After 1C-<1S>-P
 - T QJT987 A94 432 compete with 2D
- After 1D-<1S>-P
 - Q96 QJ765 AK3 32 bid 2H then 3H
- After 1D-<1H>-P
 - K76 J4 Q76 AQ432 bid 1N then 2H
- After 1C(prepared)-<1H>-P
 - K76 5 JT9 KJT543 bid 1N then pass

Some examples

- After 1C-<1S>-P-2D

- AQ987 5 A987 Q32 accept with 2H
- AQ987 Q32 A98 52 support with 3H
- AQJ87 J4 AKT98 4 break with 3D
- AQ987 T4 QJ2 AQ5 break with 2N
- AQJT76 5 A43 Q32 break with 2S

Any Questions ?