### Transfer Weak Two's

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How often with a weak two, you could have waited and partner would have opened 1NT and then you transfer. With this bid, you are transfering right away and partner decides which hand plays the weak two contract. Therefore the strong hand can get the lead coming up to it.

This system is currently allowed in the top knockout brackets, MidChart events and the Trail Duplicate Bridge Club.

# The System:

- 2 weak two in hearts
- 2♥ weak two in spades
- 2 weak two in a minor

In first or second seat only.

# The Responses:

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2 • 2 • , 3 • , 4 • RONF to play
3 • relay to 3 •
4 • relay to 4 •
2NT OGUST
3 • Asks for Shortness (3NT shows club shortness)
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3♥ relay to 3♠ and start cuebidding

4♥ relay to 4♠2NT OGUST

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2. Show feature with a max (3NT says feature is in other minor)

3\*, 4\*, 5\* Pass or Correct

3♦ Forcing to game-Looking for minor slam.

3 ♥, 3 ♠ Five-card suit forcing one round

#### The Defense:

A direct double shows either:

15-18 with one or zero stoppers

Bidding the transfer suit is a three suited takeout double 2NT is 15 to 18 with two stoppers

Passing then doubling shows same shape but a weaker hand than bidding the transfer suit directly. With a direct double, subsequent doubles are penalty. Without a direct double, subsequent doubles are takeout.

Passing then doubling is takeout and is a good shape but less points than directly bidding the transfer suit. If the final contract is to be doubled for penalty, the initial bid must be doubled.

#### For example

2. 3. takeout double with short clubs

3 takeout double with short diamonds

2NT 15-18 with short minor double stopped