

# Transfer Walsh

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A useful tool to find 5-3 and 4-4 fits in Hearts and Spades after a preparatory 1♣ opening is the Transfer Walsh. Using this system, the 1-over-1 responses are switched around:

Opener	Responder	Meaning
1♣	?	
	1♦	Shows 4 plus Hearts; can have a longer Minor suit.
	1♥	Shows 4 plus Spades; can have a longer Minor suit.
	1♠	Shows 5 plus Diamonds; neither 4 Hearts nor 4 Spades unless strong.

Simply stated, the opener completes the transfer with exactly 3-card support, supports with 4-card support, and bids as if there was no transfer otherwise.

## Accepting The Major Suit Transfer

This is almost forcing and shows exactly 3 cards in the transfer suit. Basically, the bidding has gone 1♣ - 1M - 1M. Game forcing hands can conceal the 3-card support.

## Further Bidding After 1 Club - 1 Spade

After the responder virtually denies a 4-card Major suit, the opener has no need to bid one. The responses are:

Opener	Responder	Meaning
1♣	1♠	Shows 5 plus Diamonds; neither 4 Hearts nor 4 Spades unless strong.
1 NT		Shows 11-15 points; (semi-)balanced; may include hands like 4-3-1-5.
2♣		Shows 11-15 points; promises 6 plus Clubs.
2♦		Shows 11-15 points; promises 3 plus Diamonds.
2♥		Natural reverse bid.
2♠		Natural reverse bid.

## Alternative Method for Sorting out the Minors \*

With this method you will place the 1 No Trump contract in partner's hand, which is desirable.

Opener	Responder	Meaning
1♣	1♠	Shows 6-12 points; balanced distribution. Shows 5 plus Diamonds; neither 4 Hearts nor 4 Spades unless strong.
	or	Shows 10 plus points; the holding can have a 4-card Major if game forcing.

Opener responds as if partner has bid 1 Club - 1 No Trump natural. After the sign-off bid 1 No Trump:

1♣	1♠	Shows 6-12 points; balanced distribution. Shows 5 plus Diamonds; neither 4 Hearts nor 4 Spades unless strong.
1 NT	2♣	Shows 10 plus points and both Minor suits.
	2♦	Shows 10 plus points, long Diamonds, and no 4-card Major suit.
	2♥	Game forcing. 4-card Heart suit with Diamonds.

2 ♠      Game forcing. 4-card Spade suit with Diamonds.

2 NT      Natural invitation.

### **1 No Trump First Response**

<b>Opener</b>	<b>Responder</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
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1 ♣	1 NT	Shows 5-9 points with 5 plus Diamonds.
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This method can be combined with NOT using Inverted Minors and 2 ♦ as a game-force raise in Clubs.

\* Method by Micha Keijzers - [Website](#)

Source