

# Stayman or Transfers



## when 5-4, 6-4 or 5-5 in the majors

- **Stayman** with all weak 5-4, 5-5, 6-4 hands
- **Transfers** with all invitational or stronger 5-4, 5-5, 6-4 hands

### 0-10 points

**5-4, 6-4, 5-5: Weak Stayman.** If partner responds in a major, PASS. If partner responds 2♦, sign off in your longer major. With 5-5, sign off in your better major.

### 11-12 points (10-11 when 5-5)

**5♥ - 4♠:** **Transfer** to 2♥ and then bid 2♠. If partner rebids 2NT or 3NT (no 3 hearts, no 4 spades) PASS.

**5♠ - 4♥:** You cannot invite game. Upgrade to 13 points and **Transfer** to 2♠ (game forcing) or downgrade to 10 points and bid **Weak Stayman**. Note that transferring to 2♠ and then rebidding 3♥ shows a 13+ point hand)

**5♥ - 5♠:** **Transfer** to 2♥ and then bid 2♠. If partner rebids 2NT (no 3 hearts, no 4 spades), partner must have 3 spades. SIGN OFF in 3♠. If partner rebids 3NT (no 3 hearts, no 4 spades), you can safely bid 4♠.

**6♥ - 4♠ / 4♥ - 6♠:** **Transfer** to your 6 card suit, then bid your 4 card suit. If partner bids 3♥/3♠ or 4♥/4♠, PASS. If partner bids 2NT, rebid your 6 card major at the 3 level (SIGN OFF). If partner bids 3NT, you can safely bid game in your 6 card major.

### 13+ points (12+ when 5-5)

**5-4:** **Transfer** into your longer major and then rebid your other major. If opener rebids No Trumps, (no 3 cards in your 5 card major and no 4 cards in your 4 card major), PASS 3NT and raise 2NT to 3NT.

**5-5:** **Transfer** to 2♠ and JUMP to 3♥ (which shows four of your five hearts). If opener rebids 3NT (no 3 spades and no 4 hearts), you can safely bid 4♥. (Opener has two spades and can't have two doubletons, so must have three hearts). As an alternative, transfer to 2♠ and then jump straight to 4♥ – partner can pass or convert to 4♠.

**6-4:** **Transfer** to your longer major and then bid your 4 card major at the 3 level, jumping if necessary (game forcing). This shows at least 5 cards in the transferred major and at least 4 cards in your second major. If partner rebids 3NT (no 4 card support for your second bid major), you can safely bid game in your 6 card major. Partner must have a doubleton in the suit.