

Option 3: Pick-a-Minor lebensohl. This version of lebensohl is based on an article by Frank Lipniski which appeared in the October, 2019 Bridge World Magazine. It applies when the opponents overcall our 1NT with 2M. Over a natural 2♦, we use transfer lebensohl as in Option 2. The main difference in Option 3 is that 2NT asks the 1NT opener to pick her better minor instead of bidding 3♣ automatically. 2NT allows responder to show a weak hand with both minors or a weak one-suited hand in diamonds or hearts. Here are the details.

<p>1NT (2M) ?</p>	<p>X is penalty. 2♠ and 3♣ are both to play with one-suited hands of less than invitational strength. 2NT asks opener to bid her longer minor or to choose 3♣ with equal lengths (continuations after opener's rebid follow below). 3♦ is an invitational-plus transfer to the other major, oM. 3oM shows an invitational-plus hand with one of the minors. A direct cuebid of 3M is Stayman without a stopper in M. A direct 3NT is to play with no stopper.</p>
<p>1NT (2♥) 2NT (pass) 3m (pass) ?</p>	<p>Responder will pass when weak with both minors or, with a one-suiter in diamonds, pass 3♦ or rebid 3♦ to play over 3♣. 3♥ is Stayman with a stopper. 3NT is to play with a heart stopper but no major interest.</p>
<p>1NT (2♠) 2NT (pass) 3m (pass) ?</p>	<p>Responder passes when weak with both minors or rebids 3♦ or 3♥, to play, with a one-suiter. 3♠ is Stayman with a stopper. 3NT is to play with a spade stopper but no interest in a heart contract.</p>
<p>1NT (2M) 3♦ (pass) ?</p>	<p>As in transfer lebensohl, 3♦ shows an invitational or better hand with at least five cards in the unbid major. 3oM, a simple accept, shows a minimum. 3NT and 4oM show a maximum, with the latter showing a fit.</p>

<p>1NT (2♠) 3♥ (pass) ?</p>	<p>Responder does not have hearts. With hearts he would transfer with 3♦ or choose one of the Stayman sequences. Responder has an invitational hand with a 6-card or longer minor. Opener can try 3NT or bid 4♣ which asks to play in responder's minor at the appropriate level.</p>
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