

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 5  
♥ 10 6 2  
♦ Q 10 8 7 3  
♣ A 8 5 4

13  
6 10  
11

♠ Q 2  
♥ Q 9 5 4  
♦ A 5 2  
♣ K Q 9 7



♠ K J 9 7 6  
♥ A K 8 7  
♦ 6 4  
♣ 10 3

♠ A 10 8 4 3  
♥ J 3  
♦ K J 9  
♣ J 6 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

You have 12 points and you respond 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You have an excellent 4-card ♥ suit, but if you bid 2 ♥ right now it is not forcing on partner and he will almost surely pass. And you definitely don't have the points to jump to 3 ♥. New Minor Forcing gives you a way out.

So you say 2 ♦ and your wonderful partner bids 2 ♥. What now?

Your 12 points just got upgraded! Bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7  
♥ K Q 6 3  
♦ 8 6 4 3 2  
♣ K 6 3

11  
8 7  
14

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 5 2  
♥ A J 10 7 4  
♦ J 5  
♣ Q 7 4



♠ A Q 9  
♥ 8 2  
♦ A K 10 9  
♣ J 10 9 5

North

1 ♥

2 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♦

1 NT

3 NT

You are the dealer.

This 14 point hand is almost good enough to open 1 NT, but you bid 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♥. What do you bid next?

You could bid either 1 NT or 2 ♣. You decide on 1 NT.

Partner says 2 ♣. What do you bid?

This is NMF, asking if you have 3 ♥s. You only have 2, but you have a great notrump hand now. Since partner must have at least invitational strength you jump right to 3 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7  
♥ Q 9 7 3  
♦ J 9 7 3  
♣ A 7 4 3

12  
7 7  
14

♠ Q 10 5  
♥ J 10  
♦ A K 6 4 2  
♣ Q 8 6



♠ K 9 4  
♥ A K 5 4 2  
♦ 8 5  
♣ K J 9

♠ A J 8 6 3 2  
♥ 8 6  
♦ Q 10  
♣ 10 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

With 15 points you are going to insist on game. First you respond 1♥. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You are happy with notrump, but would prefer to play in ♥s if partner has three cards in the suit. To find out if he does, use New Minor Forcing.

So you say 2♣ and partner replies 2 NT. It is your bid again.

Partner doesn't have 3♥s. That's what you wanted to know, you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 5  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ 10 7 3 2  
♣ A K J 7 3

11  
8 7  
14

West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K Q J 6 2  
♥ K Q 6 3  
♦ 8 6  
♣ 5 4



♠ 9 8  
♥ A J 10 2  
♦ A K Q 4  
♣ 10 9 6

North

1 ♠  
2 ♣  
4 ♥

East

Pass  
Pass  
ALL

South

1 ♦  
1 NT  
3 ♥  
Pass

You are the dealer.

You have 14 points and you open 1 ♦.  
Partner responds 1 ♠.

You cannot bid 2 ♥ because a Reverse shows at least 16 points. So you bid 1 NT.  
Partner says 2 ♣.

This is NMF, asking you to further describe your hand. You do not have 3 ♠s. You do have a 4-card ♥ suit. You have a maximum hand for your previous bidding, so you jump to 3 ♥. Partner raises to 4 ♥.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 8 4 3  
♥ J 10  
♦ A 4 3 2  
♣ Q 5 2

13  
7 7  
13

♠ 7 2  
♥ K Q 7 5  
♦ J 9 6  
♣ A K 9 4



♠ K Q J 10 5  
♥ A 3  
♦ K 10 7  
♣ 10 8 3

♠ A 6  
♥ 9 8 6 4 2  
♦ Q 8 5  
♣ J 7 6

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

You have 14 points and you respond 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1 NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You will insist on reaching game, but don't know whether 3 NT or 4 ♠ is going to be the best spot. It depends on whether partner has 3 ♠s. So of course you use NMF.

You bid 2 ♦ and partner then says 2 ♥. Where do you go from here?

OK, partner has a 4-card ♥ suit - may or may not have 3 ♠s. Since you don't have 4 ♥s you bid 3 NT, leaving it up to partner to correct to 4 ♠ if he has 3 of them.

**Deal 6**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 5 3

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ 10 7

♣ J 7 2

18  
5 8  
9

West

Pass

Pass

ALL

4 ♠ by South

♠ A 10 7

♥ A J 10

♦ K J 5

♣ K Q 10 6



♠ K Q 9 6 2

♥ Q 7 4

♦ Q 9 3

♣ 9 3

North

1 ♣

2 NT

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 ♦

4 ♠

You are the dealer.

You are too strong for 1 NT so you open  
1 ♣. Partner responds 1 ♠.

You don't support ♠s with only 3 cards  
since partner might well have just a 4-  
card suit. With 18 points, balanced, all  
suits stopped, you jump to 2 NT.

Partner says 3 ♦. What do you bid?

This is New Minor Forcing. Partner  
wants to know if you have 3 ♠s. Since you  
do have 3 you bid 3 ♠ and partner raises  
to 4 ♠.