

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ K 7 6 3 2
♣ J 9 4

12
5 9
14

♠ A 7
♥ A Q 10 6 3
♦ Q 10 4
♣ 7 5 3



♠ K 4 3
♥ K 9 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K 8 6

♠ Q J 10 8 6 5
♥ 8 5
♦ A 9
♣ Q 10 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	ALL	Pass
4 ♥ by North			

You are the dealer.

With 14 points you open your 4-card minor, 1 ♣. Partner responds 1 ♥.

This is easy. You cannot support ♥s at this point with only 3 cards. So you rebid 1 NT.

Partner says 2 ♦. What do you bid?

This is New Minor Forcing. Partner wants to know if you have 3 ♥s. Not only do you have 3 good ♥s, but you also have a maximum hand. So you jump to 3 ♥ and partner bids the game.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 5
♥ 10 6 2
♦ Q 10 8 7 3
♣ A 8 5 4

11
10 6
13

♠ Q 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ A 5 2
♣ K Q 9 7

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

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 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8 6 4 3		♠ 7
♥ 9 5		♥ K Q 6 3
♦ Q 7		♦ 8 6 4 3 2
♣ A 8 2		♣ K 6 3

14
7 8
11

♠ K 5 2
♥ A J 10 7 4
♦ J 5
♣ Q 7 4

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

You are the dealer.

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

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

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 4

South Deals ♠ K 9 4

None Vul ♥ A K 5 4 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K J 9

♠ A J 8 6 3 2

♥ 8 6

♦ Q 10

♣ 10 5 2



♠ 7

♥ Q 9 7 3

♦ J 9 7 3

♣ A 7 4 3

14
7 7
12

♠ Q 10 5

♥ J 10

♦ A K 6 4 2

♣ Q 8 6

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

3 NT by South

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 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 7 4 3
 ♥ 9 5
 ♦ J 9 5
 ♣ Q 8 2

14
 7 8
 11

West

Pass

Pass

ALL

4 ♥ by North

♠ 9 8

♥ A J 10 2

♦ A K Q 4

♣ 10 9 6



♠ K Q J 6 2

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 5 4

North

1 ♦

1 NT

3 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

2 ♣

4 ♥

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 ♥.