

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ 10 9 2
None Vul	♥ A Q 3
	♦ 10 8 6
	♣ A K 5 4

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

13 7 7 13	♠ Q J 8 6 5
	♥ K 9 2
	♦ A K
	♣ 8 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1 NT.

Partner has a minimum hand, balanced. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has only 2 ♠s then 3 NT should be best. But if he has 3 ♠s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. The way to find out is with New Minor Forcing. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner answers with 2 ♠.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♠s. You already know he has a minimum strength hand. You bid the ♠ game.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

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

<sup>13</sup>  
8 6  
<sub>13</sub>

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 5  
♥ 10 9 7 5 4  
♦ J 10 9  
♣ J 10 9

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	ALL	Pass

3 NT by South

You are the dealer.

With 13 points and 4 cards in each minor suit you should open 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You have a minimum, balanced hand. It would not be wrong to say 2♣, but 1 NT is probably better. Partner says 2♣.

Do not support the ♣s if you have another decent bid. This is New Minor Forcing and partner may or may not have a ♣ suit. You do not have 3 ♠s. You do not have a 4-card ♥ suit. You do have a ♥ stopper, so bid 2 NT. Partner then bids 3 NT.

**Deal 3**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**13**  
7 9  
**11**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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

With 12 points you know game is likely, but for now you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. If he is at the top, game could still be there, but you aren't sure where to play. If partner has only 2 ♥s then NT is probably best, but if he has 3 ♥s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. New Minor Forcing will allow partner to answer both questions for you. So you bid 2 ♣. Partner answers with 2 ♥.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♥s. But he also tells you he has minimum strength - in other words not 14 points. So you pass and accept the partscore.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

**13**  
9 5  
**13**

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

♠ J 10 9 7 4  
♥ 9 5  
♦ Q 10 4  
♣ Q 7 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	ALL	Pass

4♥ by South

N  
W E  
S

You are the dealer.

With 13 points you open your 4-card minor, 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You have a great ♥ suit, but can't bid it. A 2♥ bid here would be a Reverse and you are nowhere near strong enough. So instead you say 1 NT.

Partner says 2♣. What do you bid?

This is New Minor Forcing and your first priority is to show a 4-card ♥ suit. You bid 2♥ and partner raises to 4♥.

**Deal 5**

South Deals	♠ Q 7 4
None Vul	♥ K Q 6 4 2
	♦ 8 7
	♣ A 5 3

♠ A 10 9 6 5 3      ♠ 8

♥ 10 8      N      ♥ A J 9 5

♦ Q 10

♣ K 10 6

W      E  
S

♦ J 9 5 4 3  
♣ J 9 8

♠ K J 2

♥ 7 3

♦ A K 6 2

♣ Q 7 4 2

West      North      East      South  
11      8      8      1♦

9      7      7      1 NT

13      13      13      2 NT

Pass      1 ♥      Pass      1 NT

Pass      2 ♣      Pass      2 NT

Pass      Pass      Pass

2 NT by South

With 12 points you know game is likely, but for now you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. If he is at the top, game could still be there, but you aren't sure where to play. If partner has only 2 ♥s then NT is probably best, but if he has 3 ♥s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. New Minor Forcing will allow partner to answer both questions for you. So you bid 2 ♣. Partner answers with 2 NT.

Partner tells you he has only 2 ♥s. He also tells you he only has 12-13 points. So you pass 2 NT.

**Deal 6**

North Deals	♠ K 4 3
None Vul	♥ K 9 2
	♦ J 8 5
	♣ A K 8 6

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



14	♠ A 7
9 5	♥ A Q 10 6 3
12	♦ Q 10 4

♣ 7 5 3

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

4 ♥ by South

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.