

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 4
♥ 7 6 5 4
♦ Q 9 7 5
♣ J 10 9

13
7 7
13

♠ Q J 8 6 5
♥ K 9 2
♦ A K
♣ 8 6 3



♠ 10 9 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ 10 8 6
♣ A K 5 4

♠ K 7 3
♥ J 10 8
♦ J 4 3 2
♣ Q 7 2

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

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 2
 ♥ K 6 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ A 5 4

6
 13 13
 8

West

1 ♠

2 ♣

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ A 5

♥ 10 9 7 5 4

♦ J 10 9

♣ J 10 9



♠ 8 7 4 3

♥ Q J

♦ Q 5 3 2

♣ K 7 2

North

Pass

Pass

ALL

East

1 ♦

1 NT

2 NT

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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 1NT 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 2NT. Partner then bids 3NT.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 2

♥ A 5 3

♦ K Q J 5

♣ K 8 4

♠ 10

♥ J 10 8

♦ A 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 10 7 6



♠ 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

13
7 9
11

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	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 1NT. 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

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A K 8 6
♣ 9 8 5

9
13 13
5

West

1 ♦

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

♠ 8

♥ 8 7 4

♦ J 9 3 2

♣ A K J 6 3



♠ J 10 9 7 4

♥ 9 5

♦ Q 10 4

♣ Q 7 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

2 ♣

4 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

ALL

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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ A J 9 5
♦ J 9 5 4 3
♣ J 9 8

13
7 9
11

♠ K J 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A K 6 2
♣ Q 7 4 2



♠ Q 7 4
♥ K Q 6 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A 5 3

♠ A 10 9 6 5 3
♥ 10 8
♦ Q 10
♣ K 10 6

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

With 12 points you know game is likely, but for now you bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1NT. 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 2NT.

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

Deal 6

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 4 3
♥ K 9 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K 8 6

5
14 12
9

West
1 ♣
1 NT
3 ♥
Pass
4 ♥ by East

♠ 9 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ K 7 6 3 2
♣ J 9 4



♠ Q J 10 8 6 5
♥ 8 5
♦ A 9
♣ Q 10 2

North
Pass
Pass
Pass

East
1 ♥
2 ♦
4 ♥

South
Pass
Pass
ALL

♠ A 7
♥ A Q 10 6 3
♦ Q 10 4
♣ 7 5 3

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 7

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 8

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 10 9
♣ J 10 9 5

8
14 11
7

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

♠ 7
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6 4 3 2
♣ K 6 3

N
W E
S

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

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 3NT.

Deal 9

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 10

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 6 2

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 5 4

7
11 14
8

West

1 ♠

2 ♣

4 ♥

4 ♥ by East

♠ A 10 7 4 3

♥ 9 5

♦ J 9 5

♣ Q 8 2



♠ 5

♥ 8 7 4

♦ 10 7 3 2

♣ A K J 7 3

North

Pass

Pass

ALL

East

1 ♦

1 NT

3 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

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 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 9 8 6 4 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ J 7 6

13
7 7
13

♠ K Q J 10 5
♥ A 3
♦ K 10 7
♣ 10 8 3



♠ 7 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ J 9 6
♣ A K 9 4

♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ J 10
♦ A 4 3 2
♣ Q 5 2

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

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 12

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 6 2
 ♥ Q 7 4
 ♦ Q 9 3
 ♣ 9 3

5
 9 18
 8

West

1 ♠

3 ♦

4 ♠

4 ♠ by West

♠ J 8 5 3

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ 10 7

♣ J 7 2



♠ 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A 8 6 4 2

♣ A 8 5 4

North

Pass

Pass

ALL

East

1 ♣

2 NT

3 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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 ♠.

Deal 13

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 4
♦ J 9 7 6 2
♣ J 8 6 5

18
2 5
15

♠ J 4
♥ A K Q 8 6
♦ K Q 4
♣ K 10 4



♠ K Q 10 5 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A 5 3
♣ A Q 3

♠ A 9 8 6 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ 10 8
♣ 9 7 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 NT by North			

You have 16 points and you respond 1 ♠. Partner rebids 2 NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 18-19 points, balanced, with 5 ♥s. You are going to bid a slam, either 6 NT or 6 ♠, depending on whether partner has 3 ♠s. Time for New Minor Forcing.

You bid 3 ♣ rather than 3 ♦ just because your ♣s are stronger. Partner now says 3 NT. What do you bid?

Partner does not have 3 ♠s. That was the information you needed, so you bid 6 NT.

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 6 4 2
 ♥ K Q 7
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ Q J 4

8
 15 12
 5

West

1 ♠

2 ♣

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ J 10 9 5 3

♥ A 8 4

♦ 10 7

♣ K 7 2



♠ 7

♥ J 10 5 3

♦ 9 5 3 2

♣ A 8 5 3

North

Pass

Pass

ALL

East

1 ♦

1 NT

2 ♦

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

You are the dealer.

You have 13 points and you open 1 ♦.
 Partner responds 1 ♠.

With a minimum opener you now bid
 1 NT. Partner says 2 ♣. What do you say
 next?

This is NMF, asking you to further
 describe your hand - and you are stuck
 for a bid. You do not have 4 ♥s. You do
 not have 3 ♠s. You do not have a stopper
 in either ♥s or ♣s so you cannot bid 2 NT.
 Reluctantly you rebid your 5-card ♦ suit.

Then you breathe a sigh of relief when
 partner says 3 NT.