

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
9 7  
15

*West*

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

4 ♥ by South

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



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

*North*

2 ♦  
4 ♥

*East*

Pass  
Pass

*South*

1 NT  
2 ♥  
Pass

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

You should bid 2 ♦ to transfer partner to ♥s. He bids 2 ♥. What do you say now?

You know you have at least an 8-card ♥ fit. You know you have at least 26 points (15 + 11). She who knows, goes, so you bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

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

17  
8 8  
7

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

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

North opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

You transfer of course, but to which Major? It can work either way, but the preferred method is to first transfer partner to ♥s when you have an invitational hand. So you bid 2 ♦, and partner of course says 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

You now show your second 5-card Major by bidding 2 ♠.

At this point partner becomes the Captain. You have described an invitational (9 point) hand with 5-5 in the Majors. Partner's next bid should set the contract wherever he chooses. In this case, with a maximum 1 NT opener and 3 ♠s he picks 4 ♠.

Note that you must have at least one Major suit fit since partner cannot have a doubleton in both.

**Deal 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

15  
8 7  
10

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

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



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

North

1 NT

2 ♠

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

3 ♥

Pass

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

North opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

This is the sequel to Deal 6. You are 5-5 in the Majors again, but this time you have game forcing strength.

The preferred method for this hand is to transfer partner to ♠s, so you bid 2 ♥.

What do you bid after partner completes the transfer?

You show your second 5-card Major by bidding 3 ♥. Since this shows game-forcing strength (11+ points) partner may not pass, but must bid either 4 ♥ or 4 ♠. In this Deal he naturally bids 4 ♥.

If you held an even stronger hand and wished to move toward a slam you would start out the same way but then bid again

after partner's game bid.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

15  
4 6  
15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ A Q 10 7 5

♥ 4

♦ 9 8 6

♣ A K Q 5



♠ J 4

♥ A Q J 5

♦ A Q J 3

♣ 10 9 6

North

2 ♥

3 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♠

3 NT

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

Initiate the transfer by bidding 2 ♥. After partner responds 2 ♠ what do you bid?

Your bid of a minor suit here shows at least 4 cards and is a slam try. With a weaker hand you would probably just bid 2 NT or 3 NT.

Having made the try, you accept whatever partner decides. In this case, with a 15 point minimum, a doubleton ♠ and no ♣ fit, partner settles on 3 NT.