

Deal 1

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

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♦ 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
9 7
13

1♦

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 2

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
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
ALL	Pass		4 ♥

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.

Deal 3

South Deals	♠ K J 9 7 6
None Vul	♥ A K 8 7
	♦ 6 4
	♣ 10 3

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



11	♠ Q 2
10 6	♥ Q 9 5 4
13	♦ 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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6 4 3 2
♣ K 6 3

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

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 8 6 4 3
♥ 9 5
♦ Q 7
♣ A 8 2

♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 10 9
♣ J 10 9 5

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

3 NT by South

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.