

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ A 5 2
♣ K Q 9 7

♠ 5
♥ 10 6 2
♦ Q 10 8 7 3
♣ A 8 5 4

13
6 10
11
♣ 10 3

♠ A 10 8 4 3
♥ J 3
♦ K J 9
♣ J 6 2

♠ K J 9 7 6
♥ A K 8 7
♦ 6 4

N
W E
S

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

4 ♥ by North

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 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6 4 3 2
♣ K 6 3

11
8 7
14

W	N
S	E

♠ 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

♠ 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>
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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.

Deal 3North 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

N
W E
S

♠ A J 8 6 3 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q 10
♣ 10 5 2

♠ K 9 4
♥ A K 5 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K J 9

<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
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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ 8 7 4
♦ 10 7 3 2
♣ A K J 7 3

♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 5 4



♠ A 10 7 4 3
♥ 9 5
♦ J 9 5
♣ Q 8 2

♠ 9 8
♥ A J 10 2
♦ A K Q 4
♣ 10 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	ALL	Pass

4♥ by South

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 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 4 3
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ A 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 5 2

13
 7 7
13

♠ 7 2
 ♥ K Q 7 5
 ♦ J 9 6
 ♣ A K 9 4

W	N	E	S
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♠ A 6
 ♥ 9 8 6 4 2
 ♦ Q 8 5
 ♣ J 7 6

♠ K Q J 10 5
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ K 10 7
 ♣ 10 8 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	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

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 6North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 5 3
 ♥ K 9 5 2
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ J 7 2

18
 5 8
 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
ALL	Pass		
4♠ by South			

♠ A 10 7
 ♥ AJ 10
 ♦ KJ 5
 ♣ KQ 10 6

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

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♠.