

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

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8 6
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♠ 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 3North 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

West	North	East	South
			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.

Deal 7

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 8

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6 4 3 2
♣ K 6 3

11
8 7
14

	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

♠ 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 9

South Deals	♠ K 9 4
None Vul	♥ A K 5 4 2
	♦ 8 5
	♣ K J 9

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



14	♠ Q 10 5
7 7	♥ J 10
12	♦ A K 6 4 2
	♣ Q 8 6

<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 South			

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5	♦ 8 7 4	♥ 10 7 3 2	♣ A K J 7 3
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8	11	9 8	♦ A J 10 2
7		♦ A K Q 4	♣ 10 9 6
14			

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

N		E
W		S
♠ A 10 7 4 3	♦ 9 5	♥ J 9 5
♣ Q 8 2		

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	♠ K Q J 10 5
None Vul	♥ A 3
	♦ K 10 7
	♣ 10 8 3

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



13	♠ 7 2
7 7	♥ K Q 7 5
13	♦ J 9 6

♣ A K 9 4

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.

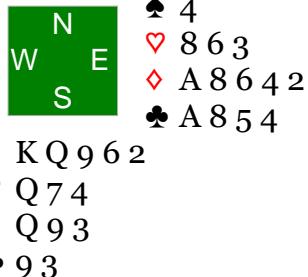
Deal 12North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 5 3
 ♥ K 9 5 2
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ J 7 2

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 5 8
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West

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



North East South

1♣
 2 NT
 3 ♣
 Pass

ALL Pass

4 ♣ by South

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
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 9 8 6 2	♦ K Q 10 5 3		
♥ J 5 2	♥ 7 3		
♦ 10 8	♦ A 5 3		
♣ 9 7 2	♣ A Q 3		
	♠ 7		
	♥ 10 9 4		
	♦ J 9 7 6 2		
	♣ J 8 6 5		
	♠ J 4		
15	♥ A K Q 8 6		
5 2	♦ K Q 4		
18	♣ K 10 4		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 NT
Pass	6 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 NT by South			

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ A 8 5 3

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♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ J 6

♣ Q J 4

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♠ J 10 9 5 3

♥ A 8 4

♦ 10 7

♣ K 7 2

♠ K 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A K Q 8 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	2♦
Pass	3 NT	ALL	Pass
3 NT by South			

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.