

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 7
♥ 7 5
♦ 9 7 5 3 2
♣ Q T 9

13
9 5
13

♠ T 9 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ T 8 6
♣ A K 5 4



♠ Q J 8 6 5
♥ K 9 2
♦ A K
♣ 8 6 3

♠ 4 3
♥ J T 8 6 4
♦ Q J 4
♣ J 7 2

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker NMF 1

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1NT.

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 3NT 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

♠ A 8 7
 ♥ Q T 9 5
 ♦ T 9 5 2
 ♣ J 7

13
 7 7
 13

♠ K Q J T 2

♥ K 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ A 5 4



♠ 9 6

♥ A 8 2

♦ A K 7 4

♣ Q 8 6 3

♠ 5 4 3

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q J 3

♣ K T 9 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	

3NT by North

Baker NMF 2

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

♠ K 5 3
♥ J T 8 7
♦ 9 3 2
♣ Q 7 6

13
6 10
11

♠ 9 6 2
♥ A 5 3
♦ K Q J 5
♣ K 8 4



♠ Q 7 4
♥ K Q 6 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A 5 3

♠ A J T 8
♥ 9
♦ A T 6 4
♣ J T 9 2

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

2 ♥ by North

Baker NMF 3

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 4

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q J 2

♣ A J 7

13

9 5

13

♠ A K Q 5 2

♥ A T 6 3

♦ 7 5

♣ T 4



♠ 6 3

♥ K Q J 2

♦ A K 8 6

♣ 9 8 5

♠ 8 7

♥ 9 8

♦ T 9 4 3

♣ K Q 6 3 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by North

Baker NMF 4

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 1NT.

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
N-S Vul

♠ T 9 8 3
♥ A T 9
♦ Q J 4
♣ K 8 6

11
10 6
13

♠ Q 7 4
♥ K Q 6 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A 5 3



♠ K J 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A K 6 2
♣ Q 7 4 2

♠ A 6 5
♥ J 8 5
♦ T 9 5 3
♣ J T 9

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

2NT by South

Baker NMF 5

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

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 6 5 2
♥ 4
♦ K 6 3 2
♣ Q J 9 2

14
7 7
12

♠ K 4 3

♥ K 9 2

♦ J 8 5

♣ A K 8 6



♠ A 7

♥ A Q T 6 3

♦ Q T 4

♣ 7 5 3

♠ Q T 9 8

♥ J 8 7 5

♦ A 9 7

♣ T 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

1♣

Pass

1♥

Pass

1NT

Pass

2♦

Pass

3♥

Pass

4♥

4♥ by South

Baker NMF 6

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 1NT.

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

Both Vul

♠ A T 5 4
♥ T 2
♦ J T 9 7 3
♣ A J

11
10 6
13

♠ K J 9 7 6

♥ A K 8 7

♦ 6 4

♣ T 3



♠ Q 2

♥ Q 9 5 4

♦ A 5 2

♣ K Q 9 7

♠ 8 3

♥ J 6 3

♦ K Q 8

♣ 8 6 5 4 2

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker NMF 7

You have 12 points and you respond 1 ♠.
Partner rebids 1NT. 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

♠ T 7 3
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ 6 4 3 2
♣ A 8

11
9 6
14

♠ K 5 2
♥ A J T 7 4
♦ J 5
♣ Q 7 4



♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K T 9
♣ J T 9 5

♠ J 8 6 4
♥ 5 3
♦ Q 8 7
♣ K 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT by South

Baker NMF 8
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

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 8 6
 ♥ 9 8 6 3
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 5 4 3 2

14
 5 9
 12

♠ K 9 4
 ♥ A K 5 4 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ K J 9



♠ Q T 5
 ♥ J T
 ♦ A K 6 4 2
 ♣ Q 8 6

♠ 7 3 2
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ Q J T 9 3
 ♣ A T 7

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

3NT by North

Baker NMF 9

With 15 points you are going to insist on game.
 First you respond 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1NT.
 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 2NT. It is your bid again.

Partner doesn't have 3 ♥s. That's what you wanted to know, you bid 3NT.

Deal 10

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 5 3
♥ 8 7 5 4
♦ 9 7 2
♣ A 8

11
8 7
14

♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 5 4



♠ 9 8
♥ A J T 2
♦ A K Q 4
♣ T 9 6

♠ T 4
♥ 9
♦ J T 5 3
♣ K Q J 7 3 2

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker NMF 10
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 1NT. 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 8 6 4
♥ T 6 4
♦ A 8 3 2
♣ 7 5

13
8 6
13

♠ K Q J T 5
♥ A 3
♦ K T 7
♣ T 8 3



♠ 7 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ J 9 6
♣ A K 9 4

♠ 9 3
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ Q 5 4
♣ Q J 6 2

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

3NT by North

Baker NMF 11

You have 14 points and you respond 1 ♠.
Partner rebids 1NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You will insist on reaching game, but don't know whether 3NT 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 3NT, leaving it up to partner to correct to 4 ♠ if he has 3 of them.

Deal 12

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 5 4 3
♥ 6 2
♦ A
♣ J 8 7 5 4 2

18
5 8
9

♠ A T 7
♥ A J T
♦ K J 5
♣ K Q T 6



♠ K Q 9 6 2
♥ Q 7 4
♦ Q 9 3
♣ 9 3

♠ J
♥ K 9 8 5 3
♦ T 8 7 6 4 2
♣ A

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

Baker NMF 12
You are the dealer.

You are too strong for 1NT 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 2NT.

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

Both Vul

♠ A 7 6
♥ T 5 4 2
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 9 7 2

15
4 3
18

♠ K Q T 5 3

♥ 7 3

♦ A 5 3

♣ A Q 3



♠ J 4

♥ A K Q 8 6

♦ K Q 4

♣ K T 4

♠ 9 8 2

♥ J 9

♦ J T 9 6

♣ J 8 6 5

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

6NT by North

Baker NMF 13

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

Partner has 18-19 points, balanced, with 5 ♥s.
You are going to bid a slam, either 6NT 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 3NT. What
do you bid?

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

Deal 14

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 9 3
♥ A 8
♦ T 9 7
♣ K 7 5 2

15
8 5
12

♠ A Q 6 4 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ J 6
♣ Q J 4



♠ K 8
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A K Q 8 4
♣ T 9 6

♠ 7 5
♥ J T 5 4 3
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A 8 3

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

3NT by North

Baker NMF 14
You are the dealer.

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

With a minimum opener you now bid 1NT. 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 2NT. Reluctantly you rebid your 5-card♦suit.

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