

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 7 3  
♥ J 10 8  
♦ J 4 3 2  
♣ Q 7 2

13  
7 7  
13

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
	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

13  
8 6  
13

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



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

♠ A 5  
♥ 10 9 7 5 4  
♦ J 10 9  
♣ J 10 9

West	North	East	South
			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 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
7 9  
11

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ 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

North

1 ♦

1 NT

2 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

2 ♣

Pass

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



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

♠ J 10 9 7 4  
♥ 9 5  
♦ Q 10 4  
♣ Q 7 2

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

4 ♥ by South

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

♥ 10 8

♦ Q 10

♣ K 10 6



♠ 8

♥ A J 9 5

♦ J 9 5 4 3

♣ J 9 8

♠ K J 2

♥ 7 3

♦ A K 6 2

♣ Q 7 4 2

11  
9 7  
13

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 NT

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  
None Vul

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

11  
10 6  
13

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



♠ 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

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

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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



♠ A Q 9  
♥ 8 2  
♦ A K 10 9  
♣ J 10 9 5

North

1 ♥

2 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♦

1 NT

3 NT

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

♥ 8 6

♦ Q 10

♣ 10 5 2



♠ 7

♥ Q 9 7 3

♦ J 9 7 3

♣ A 7 4 3

14  
7 7  
12

♠ Q 10 5

♥ J 10

♦ A K 6 4 2

♣ Q 8 6

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

11  
8 7  
14

West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K Q J 6 2  
♥ K Q 6 3  
♦ 8 6  
♣ 5 4



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

North

1 ♠  
2 ♣  
4 ♥

East

Pass  
Pass  
ALL

South

1 ♦  
1 NT  
3 ♥  
Pass

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  
None Vul

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

13  
7 7  
13

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



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

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

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 12**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 5 3

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ 10 7

♣ J 7 2

18  
5 8  
9

West

Pass

Pass

ALL

4 ♠ by South

♠ A 10 7

♥ A J 10

♦ K J 5

♣ K Q 10 6



♠ K Q 9 6 2

♥ Q 7 4

♦ Q 9 3

♣ 9 3

North

1 ♣

2 NT

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 ♦

4 ♠

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  
♥ J 5 2  
♦ 10 8  
♣ 9 7 2

15  
5 2  
18

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K Q 10 5 3  
♥ 7 3  
♦ A 5 3  
♣ A Q 3



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

North

1 ♠

3 ♣

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

2 NT

3 NT

Pass

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

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

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



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

15  
5 8  
12

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

West	North	East	South
			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.