

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ Q 10 9
None Vul	♥ K 5 3
	♦ K 6 2
	♣ A K 8 4
♠ A J 8 6	♠ K 7 4 2
♥ J 9	♥ 8 6
♦ 9 7 4 3	♦ A 8 5
♣ J 3 2	♣ Q 10 9 7



15	♠ 5 3
7 9	♥ A Q 10 7 4 2
9	♦ Q J 10
	♣ 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

North opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

You should bid 2 ♦ to transfer partner to ♥s. He bids 2 ♥. What do you say now?

You know you have at least an 8-card ♥ fit. You know you have at least 26 points (15 + 11). She who knows, goes, so you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 5
♥ K 8
♦ A 10 6 2
♣ A K 9 8

8
17 7
8

♠ 2
♥ Q J 10 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ 10 6 4 3 2

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

♠ A 6 4 3

♥ 5 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ Q J 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 10 9 8 7
♥ A 9 7 6 4
♦ 8 3
♣ 5

West opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

You transfer of course, but to which Major? It can work either way, but the preferred method is to first transfer partner to ♥s when you have an invitational hand. So you bid 2 ♦, and partner of course says 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

You now show your second 5-card Major by bidding 2 ♠.

At this point partner becomes the Captain. You have described an invitational (9 point) hand with 5-5 in the Majors. Partner's next bid should set the contract wherever he chooses. In this case, with a maximum 1 NT opener and 3 ♣s he picks 4 ♠.

Note that you must have at least one Major suit fit since partner cannot have a doubleton in both.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 3 2
♥ J 9 5
♦ A Q 5
♣ J 9 6 4 2

15
8 7
10

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 6
♥ A 7 4
♦ K J 9 2
♣ K Q 8 3

♠ K 10 9 7
♥ 6 2
♦ 10 8 7 4 3
♣ A 10

♠ A J 8 5 4
♥ K Q 10 8 3
♦ 6
♣ 7 5

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

Pass
4 ♥ by South

after partner's game bid.

North opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

This is the sequel to Deal 6. You are 5-5 in the Majors again, but this time you have game forcing strength.

The preferred method for this hand is to transfer partner to ♠s, so you bid 2 ♥.

What do you bid after partner completes the transfer?

You show your second 5-card Major by bidding 3 ♥. Since this shows game-forcing strength (11+ points) partner may not pass, but must bid either 4 ♥ or 4 ♠. In this Deal he naturally bids 4 ♥.

If you held an even stronger hand and wished to move toward a slam you would start out the same way but then bid again

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 4
 ♥ A Q J 5
 ♦ A Q J 3
 ♣ 10 9 6

4
 15 15
 6

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

♠ K 9 8	♦ 10 8 7 6 2	♣ J 8
W	N	E
♦ 10 7 2	♠ A Q 10 7 5	♦ 9 8 6
♣ A K Q 5	♣ 6 3 2	♣ A K Q 5

♠ 6 3 2
 ♥ K 9 3
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ 7 4 3 2

West opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

Initiate the transfer by bidding 2 ♥. After partner responds 2 ♠ what do you bid?

Your bid of a minor suit here shows at least 4 cards and is a slam try. With a weaker hand you would probably just bid 2 NT or 3 NT.

Having made the try, you accept whatever partner decides. In this case, with a 15 point minimum, a doubleton ♠ and no ♣ fit, partner settles on 3 NT.