

**Deal 1**

South Deals	♠ Q J 8 6 5
None Vul	♥ K 9 2
	♦ A K
	♣ 8 6 3

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



13	♠ 10 9 2
7 7	♥ A Q 3
13	♦ 10 8 6
	♣ A K 5 4

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

4 ♠ by North

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**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 2

♥ K 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ A 5 4

6  
13 13  
8

♠ A 5

♥ 10 9 7 5 4

♦ J 10 9

♣ J 10 9

W N E S

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

West      North      East      South

1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	ALL		

3 NT by East

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 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**

	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**

West Deals

None Vul

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

9  
13 13  
5

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

W N  
S E

♠ 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

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

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**

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

13	♠ Q 7 4
7 9	♥ K Q 6 4 2
11	♦ 8 7

♣ A 5 3

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



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**

West Deals

None Vul

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

14      5  
9      12

West

1♣

1 NT

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by East

♠ 9 2  
♥ J 7 4  
♦ K 7 6 3 2  
♣ J 9 4

	N		
W		E	
	S		

♠ A 7  
♥ A Q 10 6 3  
♦ Q 10 4  
♣ 7 5 3

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

North      East      South

Pass      1 ♥      Pass

Pass      2 ♦      Pass

Pass      4 ♥      ALL

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**

West Deals

None Vul

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

8  
14 11  
7

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



<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 West			

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**North 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

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 10**

East Deals

None Vul

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

11 7  
8 14



♠ 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

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

<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		
4 ♥ by East			

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 12**

East Deals

None Vul

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

5  
9 18  
8

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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**  
North Deals  
None Vul

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

**18**  
**2 5**  
**15**

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 NT by North

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**

East Deals

None Vul

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

8  
15 12  
5

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

<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 East			

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.