

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ K 7 6 3 2
♣ J 9 4

12
5 9
14

	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

♠ K 4 3
♥ K 9 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K 8 6

<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	Pass

4 ♥ by North

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 2

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 3

North Deals	♠ A Q 9		
None Vul	♥ 8 2		
	♦ A K 10 9		
	♣ J 10 9 5		
♠ J 10 8 6 4 3	♠ 7		
♥ 9 5	♥ K Q 6 3		
♦ Q 7	♦ 8 6 4 3 2		
♣ A 8 2	♣ K 6 3		
	♠ K 5 2		
14 7 8 11	♥ A J 10 7 4		
	♦ J 5		
	♣ Q 7 4		
West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

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 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

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 5

North Deals **♥** A J 10 2
None Vul **♦** A K Q 4
 ♣ 10 9 6

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

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

♠ K Q J 6 2
 ♥ K Q 6 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ 5 4

<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	Pass		
4♥ by North			

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♠. 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♥.