

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
7 7  
13

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
			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

West

1 ♠

2 ♣

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ A 5

♥ 10 9 7 5 4

♦ J 10 9

♣ J 10 9



♠ 8 7 4 3

♥ Q J

♦ Q 5 3 2

♣ K 7 2

North

Pass

Pass

ALL

East

1 ♦

1 NT

2 NT

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

♠ 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**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
13 13  
5

*West*

1 ♦

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

♠ 8

♥ 8 7 4

♦ J 9 3 2

♣ A K J 6 3



♠ J 10 9 7 4

♥ 9 5

♦ Q 10 4

♣ Q 7 2

*North*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*East*

1 ♠

2 ♣

4 ♥

*South*

Pass

Pass

ALL

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

None Vul

♠ 8  
♥ A J 9 5  
♦ J 9 5 4 3  
♣ J 9 8

13  
7 9  
11

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



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

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

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

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.