

Deal 1

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.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 4 3
♥ K 9 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K 8 6

5
14 12
9

West
1 ♣
1 NT
3 ♥
Pass
4 ♥ by East

♠ 9 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ K 7 6 3 2
♣ J 9 4



♠ Q J 10 8 6 5
♥ 8 5
♦ A 9
♣ Q 10 2

North

Pass
Pass
Pass

East

1 ♥
2 ♦
4 ♥

South

Pass
Pass
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 3

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 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 10 9
♣ J 10 9 5

8
14 11
7

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

♠ 7
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6 4 3 2
♣ K 6 3

N
W E
S

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

You are the dealer.

This 14 point hand is almost good enough to open 1NT, but you bid 1♦. Partner responds 1♥. What do you bid next?

You could bid either 1NT or 2♣. You decide on 1NT.

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 3NT.