

Deal 1

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

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

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 4 3
♥ K 9 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K 8 6

14 5
 12
 9

West

1♣

1 NT

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by East

♠ 9 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ K 7 6 3 2
♣ J 9 4

W	N
S	E

♠ 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 3

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 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 10 9
♣ J 10 9 5

8
14 11
7

♠ 7	♦ K Q 6 3	♦ 8 6 4 3 2	♣ K 6 3
W	N	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

<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.