

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ K 7 6 3 2
♣ J 9 4

12
5 9
14

♠ A 7
♥ A Q 10 6 3
♦ Q 10 4
♣ 7 5 3



♠ K 4 3
♥ K 9 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K 8 6

♠ Q J 10 8 6 5
♥ 8 5
♦ A 9
♣ Q 10 2

West	North	East	South
			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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 7 6
 ♥ A K 8 7
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ 10 3

6
 11 13
 10

West

1 ♠

2 ♦

4 ♥

4 ♥ by East

♠ 5

♥ 10 6 2

♦ Q 10 8 7 3

♣ A 8 5 4



♠ A 10 8 4 3

♥ J 3

♦ K J 9

♣ J 6 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♣

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6 4 3 2
♣ K 6 3

11
8 7
14

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 5 2
♥ A J 10 7 4
♦ J 5
♣ Q 7 4



♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 10 9
♣ J 10 9 5

North

1 ♥

2 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♦

1 NT

3 NT

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

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 8 6 3 2

♥ 8 6

♦ Q 10

♣ 10 5 2

♠ Q 10 5

♥ J 10

♦ A K 6 4 2

♣ Q 8 6



♠ K 9 4

♥ A K 5 4 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K J 9

♠ 7

♥ Q 9 7 3

♦ J 9 7 3

♣ A 7 4 3

7
12 14
7

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

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

None Vul

♠ A 10 7 4 3
 ♥ 9 5
 ♦ J 9 5
 ♣ Q 8 2

14
 7 8
 11

♠ 9 8

♥ A J 10 2

♦ A K Q 4

♣ 10 9 6



♠ K Q J 6 2

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 5 4

♠ 5

♥ 8 7 4

♦ 10 7 3 2

♣ A K J 7 3

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	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 1NT.
 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♥.