

Larry Cohen on Inverted Minor Suit Raises

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Adapted to fit DMBC Standard By June Byrne

1c/d - 2c/2d* = alertable, limit raise or better in that suit usually with 5 card support. Denies 4 card major, forcing one round. Limit Raise 10 + pts

1c/1D - 3C/3D* alertable shows a poor hand with 5 trumps. Not forcing.

Everyone agrees so far you also need to agree about the continuations.

What do these rebids by opener mean after 1c -2c?

2d shows stopper/concentration in D does not guarantee length. Forcing one round.

2H shows stopper/concentration in H, does not show length. Forcing one round.

2S shows stopper/concentration in S, does not show length. Forcing one round.

2N shows weak NT opening with assorted stoppers, not forcing.

3C - Dismal opener, 5 card suit, not forcing

Optional agreements By Agreement ONLY:

Rebids by opener:

3D-3H-3S splinters *alertable

3NT flat 18-19 HCP.

4C Minorwood * alertable By Agreement Only.

Rebids by Responder

In general rebids by responder, new suit forcing one round shows stoppers/concentration of values. 2N or 3 of suit rebid by responder is not forcing.

In Competition

1C opening, Double or overcall by LHO at the one level, 3C is weak always.

Same sequence 2C is a junk raise [Some play 2C/2D inverted in competition but I am not sure that is worthwhile because with strong hands you have other options. If you do it is alertable and by agreement only.]

1C 1H 2C is a junk raise

1C 1H 2H is a limit raise or better does not show stop in bid suit.

1C D 2N can be played as natural or a limit raise.