New Minor Forcing

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1C/1D – pass – 1H/1S – pass -1NT – pass –
2 of the other Minor is New Minor Forcing.

This bid is used to find out Opener’s major suit length and the exact strength of his hand. New Minor Forcing shows invitational or better values and almost always shows a five-card major. Over a 1S response followed by 1N, with invitational or better values, you should check for a 4-4 heart fit as well.

After 1 of a Minor – 1H – 1NT:

2 of the Other Minor = Shows at least invitational values and either a 5-card major or at least a game forcing hand with a great fit in opener’s minor

Responses:
2D (if available) Denies three hearts and shows at least a five-card minor with a minimum and a reluctance to bid 2NT
2H Shows 3 hearts and a minimum 1NT bid (12-13)
2NT Denies 3 hearts and shows a minimum 1NT bid (12-13)
3H Shows 3 hearts and a maximum 1NT bid (13-14)
3NT Denies 3 hearts and shows a maximum 1NT bid (13-14)

After 1 of a Minor – 1S – 1NT:

2 of the Other Minor = Shows at least invitational values with 5 spades and may have four hearts or a forcing hand with a great fit in Opener’s minor

Responses:
2D (if available) Denies 4 hearts or 3 spades and shows at least a five-card minor with a minimum and a reluctance to bid 2NT
2H Shows 4 hearts, may include 3 spades, with a minimum 1NT bid (12-13)
2S Shows 3 spades, denies 4 hearts, with a minimum 1NT bid (12-13)
2NT Denies both 4 hearts and 3 spades with a minimum 1NT bid (12-13)
3H Shows 4 hearts, may have 3 spades with a maximum iNT bid (13-14)
3S Shows 3 spades, denies 4 hearts with a maximum 1NT bid (13-14)
3NT Denies 4 hearts or 3 spades with a maximum 1NT bid (13-14)
[3]  
1C/1D – 1S, 1NT, 2H = Denies game interest and wants to play in 2H or 2S. Opener normally should either pass or bid 2S and not bid 2NT.

[4]  
1C/1D – 1S, 1NT, 2 of other Minor, 2 level response, 3H = Shows 5 spades and 4 hearts and is forcing.

[5]  
1C/1D – 1S, 1NT – 3H = Shows at least 5 – 5 in the majors and is forcing.

[6]  
1C/1D – 1H/1S, 1NT, 2 of other Minor, 2 level response, 3 of opener’s Minor: Shows at least opening values usually either with slam interest in opener’s minor or a very distributional hand.

[7]  
1C/1D – 1H/1S, 1NT, 3 of opener’s Minor = Invitation to game with 5 card support for opener’s minor.

[8]  
1C/1D – 1H/1S, 1NT, 3 of Responder’s Major = An invitational hand with at least 6 of the major.

[9]  
1C/1D – 1H/1S, 1NT, 3 of the new Minor = Shows a weak 6 – 4 hand (6 to 9 HCP)