Inverted Minor Raises

2/1 principles for the minors

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Motivation

* In 2/1, keep the bidding low when exploring for game/slam, otherwise use limit bidding
* With a major fit, it is usually right to play there, discussion is limited to how high to go
* With minors, more to discuss, (NT vs. minor contract, and at what level)
* In minors, a simple raise should be stronger than jump raise (non-standard treatment)

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Responder Requirements

* Denies having a 4 card major
* If weak, 5+ cards, 0-7 ?(0-5)? HCPs,
  1♦-(P)-3♦!
* If strong, 4+ cards, 10+ HCPs,
  1♦-(P)-2♦!
* Usually off in competition, but many play it on, partnership agreement needed

(warmly: does not play well with short ♣)

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Examples

* 1♦ - (P) - ???
* You #1: ♠x ♥KJx ♦Kxxxx ♣Kxxx 2♦!
* You #2: ♠xx ♥xx ♦Qxxxxx ♣Kxx 3♦!
* You #3: ♠xxx ♥Axx ♦Qxxxx ♣QJ 1NT
* You #4: ♠xx ♥Jxxx ♦Qxxxx ♣Kx 1♥
* You #5: ♠Kx ♥KJx ♦QJxxx ♣xx 2NT

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Continuations

- There are two reasons to make a strong inverted minor raise:
  - In search of NT game (usually)
  - In search of Minor game/slam
- Two rebid treatments are available:
  - Stoppers - bid stoppers up the line
  - Hand Type - balanced or unbalanced (Kaplan-Sheinwold)

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Stopper Treatment

* 2 level new suit - shows a stopper, denies a stopper in any skipped suits
* 2NT - shows stoppers in all skipped suits - responder corrects to 3♦ if no stopper in ♣
* 3♦ - minimum - long ♦
* Jump shift to new suit - splinter, GF
* 3NT - 18-19 HCPs balanced
* Responder never bids above 3♦ when INV, always makes forcing bids when GF

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Hand Type Treatment (Kaplan-Sheinwold)

* 2 level new suit - extras, stopper, none in skipped suits, forcing to 3NT or 4 minor
* 2NT - minimum balanced - responder passes, corrects to 3♦, or bids stoppers with extras
* 3♦ - minimum unbalanced - responder may continue by bidding stoppers with extras
* 3 level new suit - extras, splinter, GF
* 3NT - 18-19 HCPs balanced

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Continuation Examples

* 1♦ - (P) - 2♦! - (P) - ??? — Stop/KS
* You #1: ♠Axxx ♥Kx ♦KQJx ♣xxx — 2NT/2NT
* You #2: ♠Axxx ♥xx ♦KQJx ♣Kxx — 2♠/3♦
* You #3: ♠Axx ♥Kx ♦QJTxxx ♣Qx — 2NT/3♦
* You #4: ♠AQ ♥JTxx ♦AQJxx ♣KQ — 3NT/3NT
* You #5: ♠x ♥Axx ♦AQJxxx ♣KTx — 2♥/3♠

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Two More Examples

* You: ♠AKxx ♥x ♦KQTx ♣AJxx

1♦-(P)-2♦! -(P)-3♥!-(P)-4♦ -(P)-4♠-(P)-6♦-

* Partner: ♠x ♥QTx ♦AJxxx ♣KQxx

* You: ♠KTx ♥xx ♦AQJxx ♣xxx

1♦-(P)-2♦!-(P)-2♥ -(P)-2♠-

1♦-(P)-2♦!-(P)-2♠ -(P)-3♦-

1♦-(P)-2♦!-(P)-2NT -(P)-3♦-