

New Minor Forcing


A Very Helpful Convention



The Basic Idea

- This popular convention is used when the OPENER rebids 1NT or 2NT, after opening with a minor suit.
 - Responder rebids a new minor,
 - An artificial bid asking if opener has 3 cards in responder's major suit.
- Each of the following auctions is the new minor forcing convention. It specifically asks the opener if she has 3 cards in the responder's major suit.


In each of the following auctions, “*”
indicates the New Minor Forcing Convention.



Opener Responder

1 
1 nt


1 
2  *



Opener Responder

1 
1 nt


1 
2  *



Opener Responder

1 
2 nt


1 
3  *


Opener Responder

1 
2 nt

1 
3  *

Opener Responder

1 
1 

1 
2  *

The New Minor Forcing Bid

- Is on only when opponents are silent.
- Is **always** used by the responder.
- Is responder's second bid in the auction.
- Responder has 9 or more points.
- Responder has **five cards** in the major suit.
- Responder needs more information to decide if the final contract will be the major suit or no trump.

New Minor Forcing is Alerted

- When the New Minor Forcing convention is initiated, the opener must say “alert.”
- If opponents ask for the meaning of the alert, opener should say.
 - The minor suit is artificial.
 - Asking if opener has 3 of the major.

Opening Bidder's Response Options

- After New Minor Forcing is initiated, opener may:
 - a. Bid two of the responder's major suit with three cards.
 - b. If responder has bid spades, opener may bid hearts with 12 or 13 points not three spades.
 - c. If responder has bid hearts, opener will bid spades, with 12 or 13 points and not three **hearts**.
 - d. Opener bids two no trump without 3 cards in responder's major suit and 14 points.

Imagine You Have This Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ A Q 10 9 4

♥ Q 7

♦ J 8 5

♣ J 4 3

opener

1 ♣

1 nt

2 ♥

responder

1 ♠

2 ♦

2nt

Opener's Hand

♠ J 5

♥ A 10 3

♦ Q 10 9

♣ K Q 6 5 2

Imagine You Have This Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ A J 9 4 3
♥ Q 7
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J 4 3

Opener

1 ♣
1 nt

Responder

1 ♠
pass

Imagine You Have This Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ A J 9 4 3

♥ Q 7

♦ 9 8 5

♣ 6 4 3

Opener

1 ♣

2 nt

3 ♥

Responder

1 ♠

3 ♦

3 nt

Opener's Hand

♠ K 5

♥ A K J 7

♦ K Q 3

♣ A 10 9

Imagine You Have This Hand

Responder's hand

♠ A J 9 4 3

♥ Q J 7

♦ 5 3

♣ A Q 3

Opener

1 ♣

1 nt

2 ♠

Responder

1 ♠

2 ♦

4 ♠

Opener's hand

♠ Q 10 5

♥ A K 5 4

♦ K 4

♣ J 9 5 4

Imagine You Have This Hand

♠ Q J 10 9 8 3
♥ K 7
♦ J 5 3
♣ 9 3

Opener

1 ♣

1 nt

pass

Responder

1 ♠

2 ♠

Opener's Hand

♠ K 9 4

♥ 9 5 3

♦ A Q 9

♣ A 10 5 2

Imagine You Have This Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ Q 8 7

♥ Q J 10 7 2

♦ K J 5

♣ 9 3

Opener

1 ♦

1 nt

2 ♠

Responder

1 ♥

2 ♣

2nt

Opener's Hand

♠ K 9 4 3

♥ 9 3

♦ A Q 9 2

♣ A 10 5

Imagine You Have This Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ Q J 10 9

♥ A 8 7

♦ K J

♣ Q 10 9 3

Opener

1 ♣

1 nt

Responder

1 ♠

3 nt

Opener's Hand

♠ K 3

♥ K Q 3 2

♦ A 10 4

♣ J 5 4 2

Imagine You Have This Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ Q J 10 9 4

♥ A 8 7

♦ 8 5

♣ Q 10 9

Opener

1 ♦

1 nt

2 ♠

Responder

1 ♠

2 ♣

pass

Opener's Hand

♠ K 6 3

♥ K Q 3 2

♦ A 10 4 3

♣ J 5

Imagine You Have This Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ J 8 7

♥ Q J 10 7 2

♦ K J 5

♣ K 3

Opener

1 ♦

1 nt

2 ♥

Responder

1 ♥

2 ♣

3 ♥

Responder's Hand

♠ K 9 4 3

♥ 9 5 3

♦ A Q 9 2

♣ A 10

Imagine You Have This Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ J 8 7

♥ Q J 10 7 2

♦ K J 5

♣ Q 3

Opener

1 ♦

1 nt

2 nt

Responder

1 ♥

2 ♣

pass

Opener's Hand

♠ A 9 4 3

♥ 9 5

♦ A Q 9 2

♣ A 10 8

Imagine You Have This Hand

Responder's Hand

♠ Q J 10 8 7

♥ K J 4

♦ K J 5

♣ K 3

Opener

1 ♦

1 nt

2 nt

Responder

1 ♠

2 ♣

3nt

Opener's Hand

♠ 9 4

♥ A 10 7 5

♦ A Q 9 2

♣ A 10 8