

## Minorwood

RKC Minorwood is a bridge convention that looks for all the keycards in a minor suit. This keeps the bidding low so we can sign off at the 5 level if need be.

How it Works:

- Bidding the agreed-upon minor suit at the 4 level is Minorwood, NOT invitational.  
Examples: 1C – 1S – 3C – 4C  
1D – 2C – 3C – 4C  
1NT – 2S (Transfer to D) – 3D – 4D  
1C/D – 2C/D – 4C/D
- Responses starting from the next suit up:
  - 1 or 4 Keycards. A bid of the next suit up after this response asks for the Q; a bid of 2 suits up asks for Kings  
Examples: 1C – 2C – 4C – 4D (1 or 4) – 4H or 1D – 2D – 4D – 4H (1 or 4) – 4S asks for Q  
1C – 2C – 4C – 4D – 4S or 1D – 2D – 4D – 4H – 5C asks for Kings
  - 0 or 3 Keycards. A bid of the next suit up after this response asks for the Q; a bid of 2 suits up asks for Kings  
Example: 1C – 2C – 4C – 4H (0 or 3) – 4S or 1D – 2D – 4D – 4S (0 or 3) – 5C asks for the Q  
1C – 2C – 4C – 4H – 5D or 1D – 2D – 4D – 4S – 5H asks for Kings
  - 2 Keycards no Q of Trumps. A bid of the next suit up after this response asks for Kings  
Example: 1C – 2C – 4C – 4S (2 w/o Q) – 5D or 1D – 2D – 4D – 4NT (2 w/o Q) – 5C asks for Kings
  - 2 Keycards plus Q of Trumps. A bid of the next suit up after this response asks for Kings  
Example: 1C – 2C – 4C – 4NT (2 w/Q) – 5D or 1D – 2D – 4D – 5C (2 w/Q) – 5H asks for Kings
  - Optionally, some people play that the next bid after game in the Trump suit is always the King ask, for example, 1C – 2C – 4C – 4S – 5D or 1D – 2D – 4D – 4NT – 5H
- After any of these responses, 4NT or 5 of the minor by the partner asking is a sign-off.  
Example: 1C – 2C – 4C – 4H – 4NT (to play) or 1C – 2C – 4C – 4H – 5C (to play)
- Responding to the Queen ask:
  - Lacking the Queen, bid 5 of the minor
  - With the Queen, bid your cheapest King, for example, 1C – 2C – 4C – 4D (1 or 4) – 4H (Q ask) – 4S/5D/5H (do not show the King of Trump)
  - Any suit skipped denies the King of that suit
  - If you have the Queen, but no King, bid 4NT
  - If partner asks again, they are asking you to bid 7 if you have that specific King, for example, 1C – 2C – 4C – 4D (1 or 4) – 4H (Q ask) – 4S (Q + KS) – 5D (partner, if you have the King of Diamonds, bid 7)—Optionally, the bid of 5NT can be used to show the Queen plus 2 Kings

- Responding to the King ask:
  - Lacking any Kings outside the Trump suit, bid the minor at the cheapest level
  - Holding Kings outside the Trump suit, bid your cheapest King, for example, 1C – 2C – 4C – 4S (2 w/o Q) – 5D (K ask) – 5H/5S/5NT (for Diamonds)
  - If partner asks again, they are asking you to bid 7 if you have that specific King, for example, 1C – 2C – 4C – 4D (1 or 4) – 4S (K ask) – 5H (K of H) – 5S (partner, if you have the King of Spades, bid 7)
  
- Some auctions that are NOT Minorwood:
  - 1S – P – 2D – P – 3D – P – 3S – P – 4D (4D is a control bid—you have a Spade fit)
  - 1C – 1H – 2H – 3H – 4C (4C is just competing)
  - 1D – P – 2D – 4C – 4D (partnership agreement)