

## New Minor Forcing

- Made by the responder.
- Alertable (if asked to explain "artificial, asking about my majors")
- Applies in the following auctions:
  - 1minor—1major—1NT
  - 1minor—1major—2NT
  - 1H—1S—1NT/2NT
- Promises at least an invitational hand (10+) after 1NT; or a game going hand (7+) after 2NT.
- Opener's priorities when responding to the new minor are:
  - Bid the other 4-card major.
  - Show 3-card support for responder's major.
  - Bid NT with a stopper in the unbid suit.
  - Raise the new minor with 4+-card support.
  - Rebid the opening suit if none of the above apply.
- When partner has a balanced hand, the ranges are:
  - 12-14 15-17 18-19 20-21 22+
  - Only the 12-14 and 18-19 point balanced hands will open 1 of a minor.
  - With 12-14 balanced and no major-suit fit, the rebid is 1NT; with 18-19 balanced, the rebid is 2NT.

For each hand, what is your response to the new minor?

<b>12-14 Balanced</b>		
Opener: ♠ K 8 ♥ Q 10 7 5 ♦ A J 10 ♣ K 10 6 2  1C—1S—1NT—2D--? <i>2H</i>  Responder: ♠ Q J 9 6 3 ♥ A 8 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ J 9 7	Opener: ♠ K Q 4 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A J 9 2 ♣ K J 6 5  1D—1H—1NT—2C--? <i>2N</i>  Responder: ♠ A 8 ♥ Q 10 7 5 3 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ Q 10 2	Opener: ♠ K 8 4 ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ A 9 8 2 ♣ K 10 6  1D—1H—1NT—2C--? <i>2H</i>  Responder: ♠ Q 6 ♥ K J 9 8 5 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ A 4 2
Opener: ♠ J 10 4 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A Q 10 2 ♣ A J 6 5  1D—1H—1NT—2C--? <i>3C</i>  Responder: ♠ K 8 ♥ Q 10 7 5 3 ♦ K 8 ♣ Q 10 9 2	Opener: ♠ J 10 4 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A Q 10 5 2 ♣ A J 6  1D—1H—1NT—2C--? <i>2D</i>  Responder: ♠ K 8 ♥ Q J 7 5 3 ♦ K 8 ♣ Q 10 9 2	Opener: ♠ K 10 4 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ A J 6 3 2  1C—1H—1NT—2D--? <i>2N</i>  Responder: ♠ 9 8 ♥ A J 7 5 3 ♦ K Q 9 8 2 ♣ 9

18-19 Balanced		
<p>Opener:            ♠ K J 4            ♥ A Q 10 7            ♦ A J 2            ♣ K 10 6</p> <p>1C—1S—2NT—3D--? <b>3H</b></p> <p>Responder:            ♠ Q J 9 6 3            ♥ A 8            ♦ Q 5 2            ♣ 9 7 4</p>	<p>Opener:            ♠ K Q 4            ♥ A 10            ♦ A Q 7 2            ♣ K 9 6 5</p> <p>1D—1H—2NT—3C--? <b>3N</b></p> <p>Responder:            ♠ A 8            ♥ K Q 7 5 3            ♦ K 10 8            ♣ A 10 2</p>	<p>Opener:            ♠ K J 4            ♥ K Q 10 7            ♦ A Q 9 7            ♣ K 10</p> <p>1D—1S—2NT—3C--? <b>3H</b></p> <p>Responder:            ♠ Q 10 9 6 3            ♥ A 8 6 5            ♦ J 5            ♣ Q 7</p>
NMF Does Not Apply		
<p>♠ K J 4 3            ♥ A Q 10 7            ♦ A J            ♣ K 10 6</p> <p>After 1C—1H/1S, opener will raise the major</p>	<p>♠ Q J 4 3            ♥ K 7            ♦ A J 10 2            ♣ K 10 6</p> <p>After 1D—1H, opener will bid 1S; after 1D—1S, opener will bid 2S</p>	