

# Basic New Minor Forcing

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The screenshot shows a bridge bidding interface. At the top left, there is a 'D Bidding Board 1' area. Below it, the North player is labeled 'N Robot' with a 'Remove' button. The bidding board shows the following sequence of bids:

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At the bottom, the South player's hand is shown: A♠, J♠, 7♠, 5♠, 2♠, Q♥, 3♥, J♣, 9♣, K♦, J♦, 10♦, 7♦. The South player is labeled 'S South - Click to Sit'.

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### So... What is New Minor Forcing?

New minor forcing is one of the most widely-used conventions in bridge.

After responder's major suit bid, the bid of the New Minor (NT) is used to ask for more information.

The responder's new minor bid is assumed to be the best minor (clubs or diamonds) unless the responder has a specific reason to bid otherwise.

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1. **Show or deny 3 card support for partner's Major**
  - Bidding partner's major (any level) = 3 card support
  - Bidding NT or another suit denies 3 card support
2. **Accept or decline partner's invitation**
  - On these auctions, opener's range will almost always be 12 - 14 points, So...
    - Responding at the lowest level (i.e. 2 Spades) = 12 - 13
    - Responding by bidding game (i.e. 3NT) = a good 13 - 14



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So, New Minor Forcing tells partner we have at least 10 points and 5 or more cards in the heart suit.



3♣ here is New Minor Forcing. We have an invitational hand but which game do we want to try?

The answer is **BOTH**! Remember, New Minor Forcing is at least invitational and shows 5+ in the major suit.

After this bid, partner should know we have invitational values or better and 5+ spades minimum.



More Examples

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S nycpro 2+

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Hand: ♠ K J 10 8 3 ♥ J 10 4 ♣ A 10 4 ♦ Q 8

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S scubapro 7

Hand: ♠ A J 7 5 2 ♥ Q 3 ♣ J 9 K ♦ J 10 7

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Hand: ♠ A 9 6 5 2 ♥ K 9 ♠ A Q 2 J 3 2 ♦

More Examples



Teaching Board 11

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	nycpro
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	1NT

W West - Click Robot

E East - Click Robot

S nycpro 2+

Hand: ♠K J 5 Q 5 2 ♥Q 5 3 2 ♦K Q 5

Pass 2 3 4 5 6 7

Alert

Teaching Board 7

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	nycpro
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	1NT

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S nycpro 2+

Hand: ♠J 9 8 ♥A Q ♣Q 5 3 ♦A J 9 8 2

Pass 2 3 4 5 6 7

Alert

What would you respond as South with each of these hands?



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S nycpro 2+ 4♠ N NS 0 EW 0

On this hand we bid 2 Spades. This showed:

- 3 Card Support for Spades
- A minimum hand (11 - 13)

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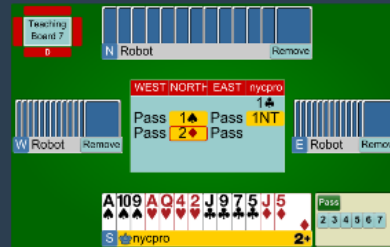
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On this hand we bid 3NT.

Remember, New Minor Forcing is Invitational or better.

We have a hand that would accept an invitation (good 14), so we deny 3 card Heart support but show enough values for game with our bid of 3NT

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Pass 2♦ Pass

KJ5Q952Q532KQ5 Pass 2 3 4 5 6 7 Alert

## Hand 2

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N Robot Remove

WEST NORTH EAST nyzpro  
Pass 1♥ Pass 1NT  
Pass 2♠ Pass

KJ1083J104A104Q8 Pass 2 3 4 5 6 7 Alert

## Hand 3

Teaching Board 7  
N Robot Remove

WEST NORTH EAST nyzpro  
Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT  
Pass 2♦ Pass 3♠ Pass

KJ3Q95AK731095 Pass 3 4 5 6 7 Alert

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## Hand 4

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WEST NORTH EAST nyzpro  
Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT  
Pass 2♠

A10A102Q932KJ109 Pass 2 3 4 5 6 7 Alert

## Hand 5

Teaching Board 7  
N North - Click to Sit Robot

WEST NORTH EAST nyzpro  
Pass 1♥ Pass 1NT  
Pass 2♦ Pass

A32J3KJ1043QJ4 Pass 2 3 4 5 6 7 Alert

## Hand 6

Teaching Board 7  
N North - Click to Sit Robot

WEST NORTH EAST nyzpro  
Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT  
Pass 2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass

A109AQ42J975J5 Pass 3 4 5 6 7 Alert

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## Hand 7

Teaching Board 7  
N Robot Remove

WEST NORTH EAST nyzpro  
Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT  
Pass 2♦ Pass

KJ3Q95AK731095 Pass 2 3 4 5 6 7 Alert

## Hand 8

Teaching Board 1  
N North - Click to Sit Robot

WEST NORTH EAST nyzpro  
Pass 1♥ Pass 1NT  
Pass 2♠ Pass

1094Q10985K3AK8 Pass 2 3 4 5 6 7 Alert

## Hand 9

Teaching Board 7  
N Robot Remove

WEST NORTH EAST nyzpro  
Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT  
Pass 2♦ Pass

92K95KJ1076AQJ Pass 2 3 4 5 6 7 Alert



# Hand 2

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Robot
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Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	

**W** Robot

Remove

**E** Robot

Remove

KJ1083
J104
A104
Q8

♦

**S**
♠
nycpro
2+

Pass

2
3
4
5
6
7



# Hand 4

Teaching Board 11  
D

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	nycpro
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣		1NT

W West - Click Robot

E East - Click Robot

S nycpro 2+

♠ A 10 ♡ A 10 2 ♣ Q 9 3 2 ♦ K J 10 9

# Hand 5

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Pass  
2 3 4 5 6 7  
Alert



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Teaching Board 7

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Pass	3♠	Pass	2♠

E East - Click Robot

S nycpro 2+

A 10 9 A Q 4 2 J 9 7 5 J 5

♠ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♦ ♦

Pass

3 4 5 6 7

Alert

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Teaching Board 7  
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S
♠ nycpro
2+

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E Robot Remove

S nycpro 2+

9♠ 2♠ K♥ 9♥ 5♥ K♣ J♣ 10♣ 7♣ 6♣ A♦ Q♦ J♦

Pass  
2 3 4 5 6 7