

New Minor Forcing

1m – 1M; 1NT – 2om is an invitational to game bid asking for a description of opener's major suit holdings.

Opener responds at the 2-level with a minimum hand (11-12 HCP) and the 3-level with a maximum hand (13-14 HCP)

1m – 1S; 1NT – 2om; 2H show 4 hearts does not deny 3 spades, minimum

1m – 1S; 1NT – 2om; 2S shows 3 spades, denies 4 hearts, minimum

1m – 1S; 1NT – 2om; 2NT denies both 3 spades and 4 hearts, minimum

1D – 1S; 1NT – 2C; 2D shows 5 diamonds, denies both 3 spades and 4 hearts, minimum

1m – 1H; 1NT – 2om; 2H shows 3 hearts, minimum

1m – 1H; 1NT – 2om; 2NT denies 3 hearts, minimum

1D – 1H; 1NT – 2C; 2D shows 5 diamonds, denies 3 hearts, minimum

1m – 1H; 1NT – 2om; 2S shows 4=3=3=3, maximum (very rare)

1m – 1M; 1NT – 2om; 3m shows 5 card minor, maximum

1D – 1M; 1NT – 2C; 3C shows 2=2=5=4, maximum with strength in majors (very rare)

1m – 1S; 1NT – 2om; 3H shows 4 hearts, does not deny 3 spades, maximum

1m – 1M; 1NT – 2om; 3M shows 3 card support, denies 4 of other major, maximum

1m – 1M; 1NT – 2om; 3NT denies 3 card support and 4 of other major, maximum

I believe from what I have seen and read that most players play minor suit rebids as a one round force.

1m – 1S; 1NT – 2H shows 5 spades, 4-5 hearts, pass or correct (raise to 3H rare)

1m – 1M; 1NT – 2M shows 5+ major (raise to 3M rare)

1m – 1M; 1NT – jump shift shows 5-5 invitational to game

1m – 1M; 1NT – 3M generally played as forcing to game (invites go through New Minor)

1m – 1M; 1NT – 2om; 2M – 3NT is choice of games

New minor can be applied in the auction 1C – 1M; 2C

1D – 1S; 2D – 2H I play as a one round force not necessarily showing 4 hearts.

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