

New series of 10 topics – Thursdays at 9:30am or 4:15pm

- Jun 25: Preemptive bids
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- Aug 6: Jacoby 2NT
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- Aug 20: Drury
- Aug 27: New minor forcing only

What is New Minor Forcing?

- New Minor Forcing (NMF) is a conventional **rebid** used by **responder** after a 1NT **rebid by opener**.
- It applies when opener starts with **a minor**, responder bids **a major**, and opener rebids 1NT.
- **It's alertable**

Purpose of NMF

- To see if opener has 3 cards in responder's major or a 4/4 fit in the other major
- To distinguish between invitational and game-forcing hands
- To explore notrump or major-suit games accurately

When does NMF apply?

Auction pattern:

Opener 1♣ or 1♦

Responder 1♥ or 1♠

Opener 1NT

Responder – the other minor 2♦ or 2♣ (shows 5 in the major bid)

Responder's bid of the other minor is artificial, forcing and alertable.

Forcing nature of NMF

- NMF is forcing for one round
- It promises at least invitational strength (a “good” 10+ HCP) and 5 of the major previously bid
- It does NOT promise length in the other minor bid

Opener's responses to NMF

Opener typically shows:

- 3-card support for responder's major. If not, then 4-card support for the unbid major
- If neither, bids 2NT or rebids a minor

Example 1: Finding a 5-3 fit

- **Opener 1** 
- **Responder 1** 
- **Opener 1NT**
- **Responder 2**  (NMF) – has 5  or 4 
- **Opener 2** 

- **Opener shows 3-card  support and a minimum opening hand**

Example 2: No fit

Opener 1♣

Responder 1♥

Opener 1NT

Responder 2♦ (NMF)

Opener 2NT

Opener denies 3♥ or 4♠ and has a minimum opening hand

Invitational Continuation

Opener 1 ♦

Responder 1 ♠

Opener 1NT

Responder 2 ♣ (NMF)

Opener 2 ♠

Responder 3 ♠ (Invitational)

Opener decides whether to accept.

Game Example

Opener 1♣

Responder 1♥

Opener 1NT

Responder 2♦ (NMF)

Opener 2♥

Responder 4♥ (opening points so bids game)

Partnership agreements

Important to agree on:

- **Minimum strength for NMF**
- **Whether NMF can be passed (never!!)**
- **Meaning of opener's 2NT response**

Opener bids 1♣, responder bids 1♥, opener rebids 1NT. What does responder rebid now?

Answers

1.	♠KQT	♥AQJ73	♦Q32	♣32	2♦
2.	♠32	♥AKT42	♦JT32	♣32	2♥
3.	♠AKJ	♥AKJ42	♦A32	♣32	2♦
4.	♠A32	♥QT32	♦432	♣432	Pass
5.	♠A32	♥KQ32	♦432	♣432	Pass
6.	♠AQ3	♥KQJ432	♦2	♣432	4♥

Common Mistakes

- Forgetting NMF is artificial
- Using NMF with weak hands (less than a “good 10”)
- Confusing NMF with Fourth Suit Forcing

Summary

- NMF is a valuable constructive tool
- Helps find 5-3 and 4-4 major fits
- Improves game and part-score decisions
- Best used with clear partnership agreement

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