

# Inverted minors

## Responses:

In response to one club, with four of a major and four-plus diamonds, responder bids: one of the major with four diamonds, one diamond with invitational-plus values (otherwise one of the major) with five diamonds, one diamond with six diamonds.

In response to one diamond: two clubs is forcing to game; three clubs is invitational.

A one no trump response shows 6-10 points.

A jump-shift to the two-level is weak, like a weak two opening..

A two no trump response is natural and invitational.

A single raise is game-invitational or stronger, forcing to three of the raised minor, and denies a four-card or longer major; a double raise is preemptive (but of sufficient strength to support a contract of three no trump or four of the minor opposite a balanced hand with 18-19 HCP); a double jump-shift is a game-forcing splinter.

A three no trump response shows a balanced hand, 16-17 HCP, and little suit-slam interest.

## Opener's Rebids:

A one no trump rebid may include a singleton in responder's suit.

In rebidding, after having opened in a minor suit, with a balanced hand without a four-card fit rebid in no trumps.

Opener's rebid one level above either a jump-shift or a forcing reverse is a game-forcing splinter raise.

Opener's rebid one level above a jump-reverse shows a void in a strong raise.

After a one-of-a-suit response, opener's double-jump rebid in his own suit (e.g., one club – one spade – four clubs) shows a game-forcing raise with strong four-card support and a long (typically six-card), strong suit.

Opener's reverse after a one-no trump response is forcing. Opener's reverse after a one-level suit response is forcing and promises a rebid below game.

After a strong single minor raise, opener can: (1) show willingness to play in three of his minor by bidding it; (2) bid two no trump natural (but the bidding is forced to three of the minor); or (3) bid a new suit (after which the bidding may still stop at three of the agreed minor).

Opener's reverse of the form one diamond – two clubs – two of a major does not promise extra values and is ambiguous as to diamond length.

After a two no trump response: a same-suit rebid is non-forcing; a new-suit bid is natural and forcing.

## Passed-Hand Situations:

When responder to a minor-suit opening as a passed hand:

- A. A one no trump response shows 6-10 HCP; a two no trump response shows 11-12 HCP.
- B. A single raise is invitational or stronger but not forcing.
- C. A preemptive double raise has the same range as by an unpassed hand.
- D. A jump-shift shows a strong passed hand, a fit, and length (5+) in the bid suit.
- E. A double jump-shift is a splinter raise.

## Examples

1♣	2♣	2NT shows 12-14 balanced or 18-19 balanced as it is FORCING
2NT	3♣	3♣ shows a minimum, is non-forcing, and prefers to play in 3♣ opposite a weak no trump. Obviously a hand with 18-19 will continue!
1♣	2♣	2NT shows 12-14 balanced or 18-19 balanced as it is FORCING
2NT	3♥	3♥ shows 4 hearts, 5+ clubs and is game forcing
1♣	3♣	3♥ initially shows a stop for no trump purposes. It may be a cue bid for slam, but the first priority is to look for the no trump game.
3♥		
1♦	2♦	2♥ shows an unbalanced hand with 4 spades and 5 diamonds (unless you are 4441). It is forcing to 3♦, but if either partner goes past this then it is game forcing.
2♥		
1♦	2♦	2♠ shows an unbalanced hand with 4 spades and 5 diamonds. It is forcing to 3♦, but if either partner goes past this then it is game forcing.
2♠		
Pass	1♣	2♥ shows a good 5-card suit, 5 clubs and a maximum pass.
2♥		

If the opponents overcall a one club or one diamond opening bid, then inverted minors are OFF.

1♣	(1♥)	2♣ = simple single raise
		3♣ = pre-emptive raise
		2♥ = good raise to 3♣ with invitational or stronger values