

West (12pts)	East (14pts)
♠ K Q 8 7 2	♠ J 3
♥ A 10 9 4	♥ K 7
♦ 9 2	♦ K 10 5 4
♣ K 7	♣ A Q J 8 3
	1♠ 2♣
	2♥ 3NT

With a good diamond stopper and no apparent major suit fit, just bid 3NT

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♦ K 9 2	♦ 5 4 3
♣ 9	♣ A K Q J 8 3
	1♠ 2♣
	2♥ 3♦!
	3NT

Surely we should be in 3NT if partner has a diamond stopper

4th Suit Forcing (4SF)

- Bid of the fourth suit at the two or three level
- It is artificial and does **not** show the suit bid
- It is alertable (partner should alert)
- Shows 10+ points at 2 level, 13+ points at 3 level (game forcing)
- Reply in No Trump shows a stopper (1st priority)
- 3-card support for partner's major (2nd priority)
- Otherwise show your shape

West (13pts)	East (14pts)
♠ K 10 7 3	♠ A J 4
♥ 10	♥ K J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 9 5 2	♦ A J
♣ A J 10	♣ 7 3 2
1♦	1♥
1♠	2♣!
2NT	3NT

2NT shows a minimum with a club stopper

West (16pts)	East (14pts)
♠ K Q 7 3	♠ A J 4
♥ 10 3	♥ K J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 9 5 2	♦ A J
♣ A Q	♣ 7 3 2
1♦	1♥
1♠	2♣!
3NT	Pass

Bid 3NT with 15+pts and a club stopper

West (12pts)	East (14pts)
♠ K Q 7 3	♠ A J 4
♥ Q 9 4	♥ K J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 9 5 2	♦ A J
♣ 5	♣ 7 3 2
1♦	1♥
1♠	2♣!
2♥	4♥

2♥ shows 3 card support for partner's major (and a minimum hand)

West (12pts)	East (14pts)
♠ 9 8 5	♠ A K 7 6 4
♥ A K Q 9 7	♥ 8 4
♦ Q J 7 3 2	♦ A K
♣ ---	♣ 9 8 6 5
	1♥ 1♠
	2♦ 3♣! (GF)
	3♠ 4♠

Hand 11 Played (NS) last week (04/09/18)

3♠ shows 3 card support for partner's major

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♠ 9 8 5	♠ A K 7 6 4
♥ A K Q 9 7	♥ 8 4 2
♦ Q J 7 3 2	♦ A K
♣ ---	♣ 9 8 6
	1♥ 1♠
	2♦ 4♥
	Pass

West (11pts)	East (14pts)
♠ K Q 7 3 2	♠ A J 4
♥ 9	♥ K J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 9 6 5 2	♦ A J
♣ J	♣ 7 3 2
	1♦ 1♥
	1♠ 2♣!
(Promises 5 spades) 2♠	4♠

West (11pts)	East (11pts)
♠ K Q 7 3	♠ A 6
♥ 9 6	♥ K 10 8 7 2
♦ K Q 9 6 2	♦ A 7 5
♣ J 4	♣ 7 3 2
	1♦ 1♥
	1♠ 2♣!
	2♦ Pass

West (12pts)	East (7 pts)
♠ K Q 7 3	♠ 8 3
♥ 10 2	♥ K Q 9 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 5 2	♦ 5
♣ 9 2	♣ Q 10 7 4
	1♦
	1♥
	2♥ (6-9pts)
Pass	

Do **not** bid the 4th suit without 10+pts

Rebidding a previously bid suit at the lowest level (or rebidding 1NT) are both weak (6-9)

West (13pts)	East (7pts)
♠ K Q 7 3	♠ A 10 6 4
♥ A 9 8 3	♥ 6 5
♦ 7	♦ K 10 9 8 2
♣ A 10 9 4	♣ 7 3
	1♦
	1♥
	1♠
	2♠
	Pass

At the one-level, 4th suit is Natural, but forcing

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Failure to Alert

- If your partner fails to alert your artificial bid, do NOT say anything at the time.
- If you end up declarer or dummy, wait until the auction has ended and then say something like: ***“Before you lead, there was a failure to alert my Two Club bid, which was artificial, and did not show a real club suit”***
- If you end up as a defender, do not say anything until the hand is over – then tell the opponents, who can call the director if they wish if they feel the failure to alert damaged them.