



INVERTED MINORS

MARCH 14, 2024

OLD SCHOOL BRIDGE

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♣	P	2♣

YOU

♠ 42

♥ 963

♦ K9

♣ K97432

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
	1♣	P	3♣

YOU

♠ 42

♥ 963

♦ KJ9

♣ AK972

THE MODERN

RULES

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

P

2 ♦

YOU

 42

 963

 KJT9

 AK97

THE SINGLE RAISE

10 + TOTAL POINTS

8+ CARD FIT IN THE MINOR

(5+ cards for a club raise)

(4+ cards for a diamond raise)

FORCING TO 3 OF MINOR MIN.

NO 4 CARD MAJOR!

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

P

3 ♦

YOU

♠ 42

♥ 32

♦ QJT92

♣ KJ97

THE DOUBLE RAISE

THIS BID WILL BE BASED ON
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT.

HERE ARE THE TWO
OPTIONS YOU CAN CHOOSE
FROM...

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

P

3 ♦

YOU

♠ 842

♥ 3

♦ QJT92

♣ J972

THE DOUBLE RAISE

(AGREEMENT 1 – PREEMPTIVE)

4 – 7 TOTAL POINTS

9+ CARD FIT IN THE MINOR

(♣ 6+ cards)

(♦ 5+ cards)

NO 4 CARD MAJOR!

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1♦

P

3♦

YOU



842



J3



QJT92



KJ9

THE DOUBLE RAISE

(AGREEMENT 2 – MIXED)

7 – 10 HIGH CARD POINTS

5+ CARD SUPPORT

NO 4 CARD MAJOR!

****OFF IN COMPETITION****

“Please bid 3NT with 18 – 19”

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

X

??

YOU



2



KJ3



AJT92



K972

INVERTED MINORS ARE OFF;

IN COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS

If the opponents have made a call before our raise, we do not play the single raise as 10+ any longer!

However, the **preemptive raise is still available** because we are in a competitive auction 😊

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

1 

??

YOU

 2

 KJ3

 AJT92

 K972

THE CUE – BID RAISE

THIS WILL REPLACE OUR
INVERTED MINOR SUIT RAISE
IN COMPETITION.

Correct Bid:

2 

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

X

??

YOU

♠ 2

♥ KJ3

♦ AJT92

♣ K972

THE REDOUBLE

TWO STEP PROCESS NOW. WE REDOUBLE 1ST TO SHOW OUR VALUES AS 10+.

WE CAN ALWAYS RAISE THE DIAMOND SUIT LATER.

Correct Bid:

XX

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

1 

??

YOU

 2

 J3

 JT9862

 Q972

THE PREEMPTIVE RAISE

Our double raise defaults
back to this in
competitive auctions 😊

Correct Bid:

3 

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU



P

P

1 

P

??

YOU

 982

 73

 A92

 KQJ72

INVERTED MINORS ARE ON;

BY PASSED HANDS

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

P

2 

P

??

YOU

 **A982**

 **KQ8**

 **92**

 **KQ72**

RESPONDING TO THE SINGLE RAISE

WE ARE USUALLY TRYING TO FIND 3NT

Show your stoppers;

2 

2 

2 

Show your lowest available stopper (up the line)

Both majors stopped;

2NT

Without any other obvious issues. (if short in other suit you should show stoppers up the line)

Minimum hand ;

3 

Not even worth showing a stopper if you have one.

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

P

2 

P

??

YOU



QT3



KJ43



53



KQT3

NO INTEREST IN GAME

SOMETIMES WE WILL HAVE OPENED AGGRESSIVELY AND WANT TO SHOW THESE MINIMUMS QUICKLY.

NOTICE YOU ACTUALLY HAVE STOPPERS TO SHOW, BUT WITH THESE BARE MINIMUM HANDS WE SHOULD AVOID DOING SO.

WE ARE TRYING TO CURB OUR PARTNER'S ENTHUSIASM WITH THESE HANDS. IF PARTNER TAKES ANOTHER CALL (i.e. 3D) WE CAN NOW COOPERATE WITH THE EFFORT TO STILL BID A GAME.

Correct Bid:

3 

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P 1 ♣
P 2 ♣ P ??

YOU

♠ **AK86**

♥ **43**

♦ **QJ9**

♣ **AT42**

GAME INTEREST

WHEN WE HAVE INTEREST IN BIDDING A GAME OPPOSITE OUR PARTNER'S INVERTED RAISE, WE CAN START SHOWING OUR STOPPERS UP THE LINE.

ON THIS HAND WE HAVE TWO STOPPERS TO SHOW. DIAMONDS AND SPADES. WE MUST SHOW OUR DIAMOND STOPPER FIRST! (UP THE LINE).

WE ARE HOPING PARTNER NOW SHOWS A HEART STOPPER SO THAT WE CAN GET TO 3NT (our best possible game almost always in these auctions).

Correct Bid:

2♦

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P

2♣

P

??

1♣

YOU

♠ AK82

♥ KT2

♦ 962

♣ AT4

BOTH MAJORS STOPPED

AFTER PARTNER'S INVERTED MINOR SUIT RAISE, WE SHOULD USUALLY BID 2NT WHEN WE HAVE BOTH MAJOR SUITS STOPPED.

THE ONLY TIME YOU SHOULD AVOID MAKING THIS BID IS IF YOU HAVE AN OBVIOUS ISSUE WITH THE 4TH SUIT.

WE ALSO AVOID GIVING AWAY TOO MUCH INFORMATION WITH THE IMMEDIATE 2NT BID. THE OPPONENTS WILL HAVE LESS SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHEN WE BID THIS WAY.

Correct Bid:

2N

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P 1 ♦

P 2 ♦ P ??

YOU

♠ **AK82**

♥ **KT62**

♦ **A962**

♣ **4**

BOTH MAJORS STOPPED

(continued)

THIS IS A HAND THAT WE HAVE AN OBVIOUS ISSUE WITH THE 4TH SUIT AND SHOULD PROCEED MORE CAUTIOUSLY.

SHOW YOUR STOPPERS UP THE LINE AND SEE IF PARTNER WILL COOPERATE.

****NOTE – WITH THIS STYLE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BOTH PLAYERS KNOW TO KEEP BIDDING STOPPERS.**

THE FAILURE TO BID 2NT DIRECTLY WILL NOT ALWAYS DENY STOPPERS IN BOTH MAJOR SUITS.

Correct Bid:

2♥

INVERTED MINORS

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

P

2♣

P

??

1♣

YOU

♠ **AK86**

♥ **43**

♦ **QJ9**

♣ **AT42**

WHEN WE'RE MISSING STOPPERS.

WHEN WE HAVE INTEREST IN BIDDING A GAME OPPOSITE OUR PARTNER'S INVERTED RAISE, WE CAN START SHOWING OUR STOPPERS UP THE LINE.

ON THIS HAND WE HAVE TWO STOPPERS TO SHOW. DIAMONDS AND SPADES. WE MUST SHOW OUR DIAMOND STOPPER FIRST! (UP THE LINE).

WE ARE HOPING PARTNER NOW SHOWS A HEART STOPPER SO THAT WE CAN GET TO 3NT (our best possible game almost always in these auctions).

Correct Bid:

2♦

1

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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1 ♦

P 2 ♦ P ??

YOU

♠ AT3

♥ KJ94

♦ A864

♣ J3

2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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1 ♦

P 2 ♦ P ??

YOU

♠ AJT

♥ 52

♦ KJ83

♣ AT83

3

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

P

2 

P

2 

P

3 


P

??

YOU

 **AJT**

 **52**

 **KJ83**

 **AT83**

4

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 

P

2 

P

??

YOU

 **AT9**

 **52**

 **QJ3**

 **AT873**

5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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1 ♣

P	2 ♣	P	??
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YOU

♠ 87

♥ AT9

♦ A86

♣ AJT87

6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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1 ♣

P	2 ♣	P	2 ♦
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P	3 ♣	P	??
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YOU

♠ 87

♥ AT9

♦ A86

♣ AJT87

7

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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1 ♣

P 2 ♣ P ??

YOU

♠ 82

♥ AT9

♦ KT6

♣ AQT87

8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU ★
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1 ♣

P 2 ♣ P 2 ♦

P 2 ♠ P ??

YOU

♠ 82

♥ AT9

♦ KT6

♣ AQT87

9

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♣

P

??

YOU

♠ 87

♥ 9

♦ A862

♣ JT987

10

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♣

P

??

YOU

♠ KT9

♥ KJT

♦ 86

♣ T9873

11

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU
★

1 ♣

P

3 ♣

P

??

YOU

♠ A7

♥ AJT9

♦ A86

♣ T872

12

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU
★

1 ♣

P

3 ♣

P

??

YOU

♠ K83

♥ AKT9

♦ A8

♣ AJT8

13

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1 ♦ P ??

YOU

♠ 87
♥ QT9
♦ AT862
♣ KJT

14

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1 ♦ P 2 ♦
P 2 ♠ P ??

YOU

♠ 87
♥ QT9
♦ AT862
♣ KJT

15

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♦

P

??

YOU

♠ 87

♥ AT

♦ AT86

♣ AJT87

16

WEST

NORTH

EAST

YOU

1 ♣

P

??

YOU

♠ AT7

♥ AJ9

♦ AT

♣ JT987

17

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1  1  ??

YOU

 **AJ72**
 **84**
 **AQT32**
 **JT**

18

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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P 2  P ??

YOU

 **A**
 **AJT**
 **KJ4**
 **AJT952**

**ADVANCED STUFF
AHEAD**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1 ♦

P 2 ♦ P 4 ♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
------	-------	------	-----

1 ♦ P 2 ♦

P 2 ♠ P 4 ♦

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1 ♦ P 2 ♦

P 2 ♠ P 3 ♥

P 3N P 4 ♦

MINORWOOD

(key card for the minors)

Only after an inverted minor suit raise;

JUMP TO 4 OF OUR MINOR BY OPENER

or

JUMP TO 4 OF OUR MINOR BY RESPONDER
(after opener's response)

*Responses should be whatever
keycard version you play
(1430 keycard recommended)

MINORWOOD

(CONTINUED)

AFTER THE RESPONSE;

IF 4NT IS AVAILABLE, THIS WILL BE TO PLAY

RETURNING TO 5 OF OUR MINOR IS TO PLAY

THE NEXT AVAILABLE SUIT (That is not trump) IS ASKING FOR THE QUEEN OF TRUMP

OUR SUIT +1 IS ASKING FOR KINGS (The suit directly above our trump suit).

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1♦
P	2♦	P	4♦
P	4♥	P	4N

ALWAYS TO PLAY

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1♦
P	2♦	P	4♦
P	4♥	P	5♦

ALWAYS TO PLAY

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1♦
P	2♦	P	4♦
P	4♥	P	4♠

QUEEN ASK

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
			1♦
P	2♦	P	4♦
P	4♥	P	5♥

ASKING FOR KINGS

19

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1♦ P ??

YOU

♠ AJ2
♥ 4
♦ AKT632
♣ KQ4

20

WEST	NORTH	EAST	YOU
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1♦ P 2♦
P 2♥ P ??

YOU

♠ AJ2
♥ 4
♦ AKT632
♣ KQ4

21

WEST	NORTH ★	EAST	YOU
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	1♦	P	2♦
P	2♥	P	4♦
P	4N	P	??

YOU

♠ AJ2

♥ 4

♦ AKT632

♣ KQ4

22

WEST	NORTH ★	EAST	YOU
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	1♦	P	2♦
P	4♦	P	??

YOU

♠ AJ2

♥ 43

♦ AT632

♣ A54

ANSWERS TO NUMBERED HANDS

1. 2NT

2. 2S

3. 3NT

4. 3C

5. 2D

6. PASS

7. 2D

8. 3NT

9. 3C if preemptive / 1D if you play
mixed raises

10. 1NT

11. PASS

12. 3NT (easier when 3C is mixed)

13. 2D

14. 3D – min.

15. 2C – 2/1 game force

16. 3NT

17. X – don't miss the basics

18. 4C

19. 2D

20. 4D

21. 6D

22. 4S