



Inverted Minors 1

This bid inverts the bidding of minor suits; 1c p 2c or 1d p 2d both show hands that have 9+ (discuss with partner) or more points, and no 4 card major.

Thus, the above bids are strong bids, encouraging partner to bid as follows: stoppers in the major if only one is held, 2nt with stoppers in both majors, or 3C over a 2 D bid, or 2D over a 2 C bid.

See suggested bidding below:

Bids Distribution HCP Description

1C 3C = 3,1,4,5 6 need 5 card suit if c opener

1D 3D = 2,1,6,4 6 No 4 card major, minimum, good shape

1D 2D = 9 4 cards in suit bid, no 4 card major usually one suit not covered, or no stopper in majors

1D 2D = 3,1,6,3 10 Bid 3D after next bid by ptr

1D 1NT = 3,3,5,2 7-9 Mod values, honor both majors

1D 2NT = 3,3,4,3 11 invitational - good tenaces

1D 3H = 3,1,5,4 15 splinter

1D 2D = 3,3,5,2 20 Bid 2D, then if partner bids 2s, 2nt or 3C, then bid 3H, get to best possible slam

1D 2D 18 If ptr bids 2nt he says 11-14 at this point - 4NT - quantitative, he passes with 11-12; bids 6NT with 13-14

4 C would be gerber/diamonds

I strongly agree that inverted minors should be suspended overcompetition. The jump remains preemptive, but good hands can be handled via a cue bid (after an overcall), or via 2NT and/or redouble (overdouble). This leaves room to describe a simple raise, so that your preempts can be saved for truly weak hands. This helps opener decide whether to carry on (or double the opponents) with extras.