

Invitational in a Minor

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1NT 3♣ or 3♦ shows:

a six card suit
6-8 HCP

some need 2 of top 3 honours

I impose no such restriction except count unsupported Jacks as 0 HCP's.

with 9+ bid 3NT

with 0-5 consider MST

MST is never done with 6+ points and rarely done with 5.

Partner will go to 3NT with Hxx (honour third or longer) otherwise will pass and allow partner to play in the minor.

Examples:

Partner opens 1NT. What do you do with the following?:

1. ♠54 ♥543 ♦AQ5432 ♣J2
2. ♠K2 ♥K43 ♦J2 ♣J109876
3. ♠54 ♥543 ♦AQ543 ♣Q32
4. ♠K32 ♥K43 ♦J2 ♣J10987
5. ♠K432 ♥K32 ♦Q32 ♣765
6. ♠K432 ♥K432 ♦Q32 ♣76
7. ♠K432 ♥K32 ♦Q32 ♣J65
8. ♠K432 ♥A32 ♦Q32 ♣J65

You open 1NT and partner bids an invitational 3♣. What do you do with the following?

9. ♠K32 ♥A42 ♦KQ3 ♣KQ43
10. ♠J32 ♥A42 ♦KQ3 ♣KQ43
11. ♠KJ2 ♥A42 ♦KQ32 ♣A43
12. ♠Q32 ♥A42 ♦KQ32 ♣A43
13. ♠KJ2 ♥A42 ♦KQ3 ♣A3
14. ♠AKJ2 ♥A42 ♦KQ3 ♣43

Answers:

1. 3♦; 2. Pass; 3. 2NT; 4. Pass; 5. Pass (4triple3); 6. 2♣; 7. 2NT; 8. 2NT
9. 3NT; 10. 3NT; 11. 3NT; 12. 3NT; 13. Pass; 14. Pass;