

# New Minor Forcing & Check Back Stayman

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## Balanced 18-19 Hand

1. N S  
1♣ 1♥  
2NT 2NT denies four hearts  
2NT does not deny four spades or three hearts  
North gets to notrump first to right-side the contract  
North shows 18-19 right away  
This is a Notrump Opener  
(OverNoTrumpOpeners=ONTO)  
Gerber is 4♣  
No transfers  
Use either CBS or NMF

2. N S  
1♣ 1♥  
4♥ North has four hearts

3. N S  
1♦ 1NT 6-9 and no four-card majors  
3NT 18-19 balanced

4. N S  
1♣ 1♥  
2NT 4♥ South has:  
six or more hearts  
a good 6 points to a flat 13 points

These are to play if not using CBS

5. N S 6. N S  
1♣ 1♥ 1♣ 1♥  
2NT 3♣ 2NT 3♥

## Now. what if South has:

five of his bid major or  
four of the unbid major or both

He uses:

Check Back Stayman (the old standard and part of SAYC) or  
New Minor Forcing (the modern method and part of 2/1)

## Check Back Stayman (CBS)

Only when partner has a balanced 18-19 Hand

7.	North	South	8.	North	South
	1♣	1M		1♦	1M
	2NT	3♣		2NT	3♣

3♣ is CBS and asks for:

- 4 of the other major (show first)
- 3 of the bid major (1M)

CBS promises one of a or b.

9.	North	South
	1♣	1♦
	2NT	3♣

3♣ is also CBS and asks for:

- 4 of either major (show hearts first)

Example of CBS:

10.	North	South
	1♣	1♠
	2NT	3♣
	3♥	3NT
	4♠	

North has five spades and three or less hearts

South has both four hearts and three spades and shows  
the other major (hearts) first.

## New Minor Forcing (NMF)

The modern treatment and part of the Two Over One (2/1) system

Balanced 12-14 Hand

11.	1♣	1M	12.	1♦	1M
	1NT	2♦		1NT	2♣

Balanced 18-19 Hand

13.	1♣	1M	14.	1♦	1M
	2NT	3♦		2NT	3♣

### Notes:

-NMF is only cases 11 to 14 and not if opener rebids his minor although new suits by responder are forcing one round.

-NMF asks for a or b and promises one of them just like CBS.

Four of the other major is always shown first just like CBS.

-with NMF, the following are to play

15.	1♣	1♠
	1NT	2♥

16.	1♣	1♦
	1NT	2♦

-if partner uses NMF and then bids above 2NT, this is forcing to game.

Further Note:

CBS and NMF are very similar except 3♣ is always CBS and either ♣'s or ♦'s are NMF.