

Practise Inverted Minor Raises

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<p>1 Dlr: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South</p> <p>1♦ Pass ?</p>	<p>East</p> <p>♠ 9 7</p> <p>♥ J 7 6 2</p> <p>♦ A Q 7 4 2</p> <p>♣ K 7</p>	<p>Answer: 1♥</p> <p>Never deny a 4 card major! You can always show your diamonds on the next round.</p>
<p>2 Dlr: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South</p> <p>1♦ Pass ?</p>	<p>East</p> <p>♠ 9 7</p> <p>♥ J 7</p> <p>♦ Q 7 4 2</p> <p>♣ K 7 3 2</p>	<p>Answer: 3♦</p> <p>3♦ shows a traditional weak raise, 6-9 HCP and primary support. It is likely that the auction rightly belongs to the opponents and if you respond 2♦ they will bid at the 2 level, most likely in a major. But playing inverted minors you will force them to enter the auction at the 3 level and may not find their best contract</p>
<p>3 Dlr: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South</p> <p>1♦ Pass ?</p>	<p>East</p> <p>♠ 9 7</p> <p>♥ A 7 6</p> <p>♦ K J 7 4</p> <p>♣ K 7 3 2</p>	<p>Answer: 2♦</p> <p>You have a good raise (10+ HCP and primary support). If West has a minimum opener that would have passed a traditional 3♦ raise then West will raise to 3♦. Any other action is forcing for one round.</p>
<p>4 Dlr: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South</p> <p>1♦ Pass 2♦ Pass ?</p>	<p>West</p> <p>♠ 9</p> <p>♥ A 7 6</p> <p>♦ K Q 7 4 2</p> <p>♣ K 7 3 2</p>	<p>Answer: 2♥</p> <p>You have a 6 loser hand and partner has shown 8 losers, maybe fewer, so should be able to make 4♦. You initiate the exploration for a 3NT contract by bidding your cheapest stopped suit, hearts. You are hoping that partner (West) will bid 2♠, or No Trumps, showing stoppers in spades and clubs. If partner bids 3♣, denying a spade stopper, then you should bid 4♦, inviting partner to bid 5♦.</p>
<p>5 Dlr: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South</p> <p>1♦ 1♥ ?</p>	<p>East</p> <p>♠ 9 7</p> <p>♥ J 7 6</p> <p>♦ K J 7 4</p> <p>♣ A Q 3 2</p>	<p>Answer: 3♦</p> <p>After interference, inverted minors are OFF. You have a diamond fit and 8 losers so can make a traditional limit raise.</p>
<p>6 Dlr: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South</p> <p>1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass ?</p>	<p>West</p> <p>♠ 9</p> <p>♥ A Q 7 6</p> <p>♦ K 10 7</p> <p>♣ A Q 10 5 2</p>	<p>Answer: 3♠ (if you play splinters)</p> <p>You have a 5 loser hand and partner has shown 8 losers, maybe fewer. 5♦ looks makeable even if West is minimum for his limit raise (8 losers). RKCB will not work with clubs as a trump suit as you need West to have two key cards, and if West has only one then you will not be able to stop below 6♣. The 3♠ bid is a splinter bid (an unnecessary jump confirming clubs as trumps, showing spade shortage and showing slam interest.</p>

<p>7 Dlr: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South</p> <p>1♦ Pass 3♦ Pass</p> <p>?</p>	<p>West</p> <p>♠ A J 2</p> <p>♥ J 4</p> <p>♦ A Q J 8 7</p> <p>♣ Q 10 3</p>	<p>Answer: Pass</p> <p>You have a 7 loser hand. East may well have a 9 loser.</p>
<p>8 Dlr: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South</p> <p>1♦ Pass 3♦ Pass</p> <p>?</p>	<p>West</p> <p>♠ K Q 2</p> <p>♥ 10</p> <p>♦ A Q J 8 7</p> <p>♣ A Q 4 3</p>	<p>Answer: 5♦</p> <p>You have a 4 loser hand. If West has a 9 loser hand then you have a combined 13 losers so 5♦ should make.</p>
<p>9 Dlr: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South</p> <p>1♦ Pass 3♦ Pas</p> <p>?</p>	<p>West</p> <p>♠ K Q 2</p> <p>♥ 10 4</p> <p>♦ A Q J 8 7</p> <p>♣ A Q 3</p>	<p>Answer: 3♠</p> <p>You have 18 HCP and a 5 loser hand. If West has a 9 loser hand then 5♦ may not make, but 3NT has very good chances if East has a heart stopper. By bidding 3♠ to show a spade stopper (and denying a heart stopper bypassing hearts) you are drawing partner's attention to your problem suit. If East does not have a heart stopper she will bid 4♦ or 5♦.</p>
<p>10 Dlr: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South</p> <p>1♦ Pass 3♦ P</p> <p>?</p>	<p>West</p> <p>♠ K J 2</p> <p>♥ 10 4 3</p> <p>♦ A Q 9 8</p> <p>♣ A Q 3</p>	<p>Answer: Pass</p> <p>You have a 7 loser hand and 16 HCP. Playing traditional methods you could have bid 2NT but that is not available. 3NT is not really on so you should pass with 16-17 HCP</p>
<p>11 Dlr: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South</p> <p>1♦ Pass 3♦ Pass</p> <p>?</p>	<p>West</p> <p>♠ A J 2</p> <p>♥ 10 4 3</p> <p>♦ A Q 9 8</p> <p>♣ A Q J</p>	<p>Answer: 3NT</p> <p>You have a 7 loser hand and 18 HCP. If East has 7 or more points then 3NT has good prospects</p>