

(B) HOLDING 4-CARD SUPPORT FOR PARTNER'S MINOR

If partner opens 1♣ or 1♦ and you have four of them too your response should depend on whether you also hold a 4-card major.

Priority should be given to finding a trump fit in hearts or spades as your partner may hold two suits.

Therefore, after an opening bid of 1♣ or 1♦ by partner, you should respond 1♥ or 1♠ holding at least four of that suit in preference to supporting partner's minor.

If your hand is best described by supporting partner's minor suit the responses are as follows:

- a) 6-9 points = Raise 1♣/1♦ to 2♣/2♦
- b) 10-12 points = Raise 1♣/1♦ to 3♣/3♦
- c) 13-15 points = Bid another 4-card suit or 3NT in preference to a bid of 4♣ or 4♦

HOT TIP

Remember that hands with minor-suit fits generally play better in a No Trump contract unless particularly distributional. Also, if you are going to attempt a game contract, it will usually be easier to make nine tricks in 3NT than eleven in a minor suit.