

## 4<sup>th</sup> Suit Forcing (4SF)

- Bid of the fourth suit at at the two or three level
- It is artificial and does **not** show the suit bid
- It is alertable (partner should alert)
- Shows 10+ points at 2 level, 13+ points at 3 level (game forcing)
- Reply in No Trump shows a stopper (1st priority)
- 3-card support for partner's major (2nd priority)
- Otherwise show your shape

West (12pts)	East (14pts)
♠ K Q 8 7 2	♠ J 3
♥ A 10 9 4	♥ K 7
♦ 9 2	♦ K 10 5 4
♣ K 7	♣ A Q J 8 3
	1♠ 2♣
	2♥ 3NT

With a good diamond stopper and no apparent major suit fit, just bid 3NT

West (12pts)	East (14pts)
♠ K Q 8 7 2	♠ J 3
♥ A 10 9 4	♥ K 7
♦ K 9 2	♦ 5 4 3
♣ 9	♣ A K Q J 8 3
	1♠ 2♣
	2♥ 3♦!
	3NT

Surely we should be in 3NT if partner has a diamond stopper

West (12pts)	East (7 pts)
♠ K Q 7 3	♠ 8 3
♥ 10 2	♥ K Q 9 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 5 2	♦ 5
♣ 9 2	♣ Q 10 7 4
	1♦ 1♥
	1♠ 2♥ (or 1NT?)
	Pass

Do **not** bid the 4<sup>th</sup> suit without 10+pts  
 Rebidding a previously bid suit at the lowest level is weak (6-9)

West (13pts)	East (14pts)
♠ K 10 7 3	♠ A J 4
♥ 10	♥ K J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 9 5 2	♦ A J
♣ A J 10	♣ 7 3 2
1♦	1♥
1♠	2♣!
2NT	3NT

2NT shows a minimum with a club stopper

West (16pts)	East (14pts)
♠ K Q 7 3	♠ A J 4
♥ 10 3	♥ K J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 9 5 2	♦ A J
♣ A Q	♣ 7 3 2
1♦	1♥
1♠	2♣!
3NT	

Bid 3NT with 15+pts and a club stopper

West (12pts)	East (14pts)
♠ K Q 7 3	♠ A J 4
♥ Q 9 4	♥ K J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 9 5 2	♦ A J
♣ 5	♣ 7 3 2
	1♦
	1♥
	1♠
	2♣!
	2♥
	4♥

2♥ shows 3 card support for partner's major (and a minimum hand)

West (11pts)	East (14pts)
♠ K Q 7 3 2	♠ A J 4
♥ 9	♥ K J 8 7 2
♦ K Q 9 6 5 2	♦ A J
♣ J	♣ 7 3 2
	1♦
	1♥
	1♠
	2♣!
(Promises 5 spades)	2♠
	4♠

West (11pts)	East (11pts)
♠ K Q 7 3 ♥ 9 6 ♦ K Q 9 6 2 ♣ J 4	♠ A 6 ♥ K 10 8 7 2 ♦ A 7 5 ♣ 7 3 2
1♦	1♥
1♠	2♣!
2♦	Pass

West (13pts)	East (7pts)
♠ K Q 7 3 ♥ A 9 8 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A 10 9 4	♠ A 10 6 4 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K 10 9 8 2 ♣ 7 3
1♣	1♦
1♥	1♠
2♠	Pass

At the one-level, 4<sup>th</sup> suit is Natural, but forcing