

MINORWOOD

Over inverted minor raise, or NT transfer to minor, 4 of minor is Minorwood. 1430 responses:

4C asking	4D asking	Response
4D	4H	1 or 4 controls
4H	4S	0 or 3 controls
(4N, 5C)	(4N, 5D)	(Asker signoff: 4N or 5 of trump suit) After any of the above responses, to request trump queen / kings: asker bids next step (skipping 4N!). Thus ask is: Clubs 4H or 4S Diamonds 4S or 5C Responses: 5 trump No queen, may have kings 5D/H/S/6C Queen, with this king 5N Queen, no kings
4S	4N	2, no trump queen
4N	5C	2, with queen
(4N, 5C)	(5D, 5N ¹)	(Asker signoff) Ask for Kings: one step above response, thus ask is: Clubs 5D Diamonds 5C or 5H Responses: 5 or 6 of suit below trump ² King of suit 6 trump No kings below trump suit
5D/5H/5S	5H/5S	Odd number with void in indicated suit
5N	5N	Even number with useful void
---	6C	Odd number with club void

¹ by partnership agreement

² some partnerships agree that when asking for Kings, one wants to get to 7, so bidding a King above trump suit is allowed.

Examples of Minorwood asks

Inverted-minor	1m - 2m - 4m
	1m - 2m - 3m - 4m
1N transfer	1N - 2N - 3C - 4C
1N MSS	1N - 2S - 3m - 4m

Examples of asking sequences

Standard

1C - 2C	
4C - ..	Minorwood ask over inverted minor raise
.. - 4S	2, no queen
6C	Slam!

Signoff

1C - 2C	
4C - 4S	2, no queen
5C	signoff

Void-showing

1D - 2D
4D - 6C Odd, void in clubs

1D - 2D
4D - 5N Even, void somewhere

Queen asks

1C - 2C
4C - .. Minorwood ask over inverted minor raise
.. - 4H 0 or 3 controls
4S - .. Queen ask
.. - ? 5C No queen
 5D/H/S have queen, and this specific king
 5N have queen, but no kings

1D - 2D
4D - .. Minorwood ask over inverted minor raise
.. - 4S 0 or 3 controls
5C - .. Queen ask
.. - ? 5D No queen
 5H/S have queen, and this specific king
 5N have queen, but no kings
 6C have queen, and this specific king

King asks

1D - 2D
4D - 5C 2, have queen
5H - .. King ask
.. - 6C King of clubs
7D whee!!

If partnership agrees:

1D - 2D
4D - 5C
5H - 6H King of hearts & we are going to 7!