

RKC Minorwood

RKC Minorwood is a bridge convention which looks for all the keycards in a minor suit. This keeps the bidding low so we can sign off at the 5 level if need be.

Bidding the minor suit at the 4 level is minorwood NOT invitational.

Starting from the next suit up;

1 or 4 Keycards. A bid of next suit up after this response asks for the Q

0 or 3 Keycards. A bid of next suit up after this response asks for the Q

2 Keycards no Q of Trumps.

2 Keycards plus Q of Trumps;

After any one of these responses 4NT is a sign-off.

The next suit after the sign-off trump suit is a specific K ask

Here are some bidding sequences;

- 1♣ - 1♠ - 3♣ - 4♣
- 2♣ - 2♦ - 3♦ - 4♦
- 1NT - 2♠* - 3♦ - 4♦ * transfer to ♦

If you play inverted minors for example then the sequences will fit into this system:

1♣-2♣-4♣

So here 4♣ is RKC minorwood and the responses are:-

4♦ – 1/4 Keycards

4♥ – 0/3 Keycards

4♠ – 2 Keycards

4NT – 2Keycards + Queen of clubs

A Next suit bid up (4♥ or 4♠) would ask for the Queen of clubs.

A 4NT bid would be a sign off and a 5♦ would be the specific king ask...where the response are to cue bid your kings or bid the king you haven't got if you have 2 kings.

The 5NT bid would show the king of diamonds or the other two kings.

If you don't play new minor forcing then

1♦ -3♦ -4♦

So here 4♦ is RKC minorwood

4♥ – 1/4 Keycards

4♠ – 0/3 Keycards

4NT – 2 Keycards

5♣ – 2Keycards + Queen of diamonds

A Next suit bid up would ask for the Queen of trumps

A 4NT bid would be a sign off and a 5♥ would be the specific king ask...where the response are to cue bid your kings or bid the king you haven't got if you have 2 kings.

The 5NT bid would show the king of hearts or the other two kings.

So a 5♠ bid would show the king of spades or the other two kings.