

Minorwood

Why

Using regular RKC to ask for keycards for a minor suit is ineffective. Often the answer is beyond 5m, and the partnership had to bid 6m even missing 2 or more keycards.

How

If a minor suit has been bid naturally, 4m is Minorwood (exceptions below).

The 4-step answers are exactly the same as in regular RKC. (1430 or 3014)

As you can see, the answers are always below 5m.

4NT and 5m Are to Play

Just because Minorwood is used does not mean the contract is not going to be 4NT.

Queen Ask and King Ask

Similar to regular RKC, if the answer is 1st or 2nd step, we cannot tell whether the answerer has the trump Q. The first available step is Q ask. The second available step is K ask.

If the answer is 3rd or 4th step, we know whether the answerer does not have the trump Q or has the trump queen. There is no Q ask. Therefore, the first available step is K ask.

Depending on whether you play number of kings or specific kings, answers to the Q ask and K ask questions are different.

When Is 4m Not Minorwood?

When the person who bids 4m made a non-forcing bid previously.

When you are answering a question involving stoppers.

Examples