

CUE BIDS

CUE BID – LIMIT RAISE Your partner opens the bidding with a major or 2 clubs and your RHO overcalls in a suit. If you cuebid that suit you are promising at least a limit raise and good support for partner's opening bid. You are not asking partner to bid no trump if she has a stopper. Partner bids game with a hand she'd accept a limit raise with. Partner bids 3 of her suit with a bad opening hand.

By using the cuebid to show a limit raise or better, you can use the jump raise as a Preempt. This is so common, that the ACBL says no alert is required.

Examples: 1 Heart – 1 Spade - 2 Hearts is a single raise
1 Heart - 1 Spade – 3 Hearts or 4 Hearts is preemptive
1 Heart – 1 Spade – 2 Spades is a Limit Raise or Better

CUE BID WHEN PARTNER OVERCALLS – Opponent opens and partner overcalls, a cue bid by you shows a limit raise or better in partner's suit. Partner rebids two of his suit with no interest in going to game. A new suit by you is NON-FORCING, must cue bid to force. A jump in partner's suit is preemptive.

Examples: 1 Heart – 1 Spade (by partner) Pass 3 Spades by you is preemptive.
1 Heart – 1 Spade (by partner) Pass 2 Hearts by you is a cue-bid asking partner how good his overcall is. Partner rebids 2 of his suit which denies an opening hand.

When you and your partner have bid 2 suits, and want to try for no-trump, you bid the suit you have stoppers in, example 1 Diamond, 2 Clubs (by partner) 3 Diamonds, 3 Hearts (by partner) shows stoppers (trying for NT) 3 Spades shows spade stoppers, denies hearts.

If you and your partner have bid 2 suits and the opponents have made a bid, a cue bid of the opponents suit asks for a stopper in that suit. If you had a stopper, you would have bid NT. Example: 1 Diamond, 1 Spade (by Opponent) 2 Clubs (by partner) 2 Spades by you is a cue bid asking for a spade stopper for NT

