

# Michaels cuebids

The direct cue bid of the opponents opening bid traditionally showed a very strong hand but infact this hand type can be shown with an initial take out double.

So the modern approach is to use the cue bid as showing a two suited hand with at least five cards in each suit. The hand types fall into two categories depending on the suit that has been opened.

- 1) A cue bid of 1C or 1D i.e. the minors shows both majors.
- 2) A cue bid of 1H or 1S i.e. the majors shows the other major and an unspecified minor.

## Further considerations:

Vulnerability – Apply caution at adverse vulnerability.

Suit quality – Be aware the quality of the suits is important.

Examples: you hold and right hand opponent opens 1D at love all,

♠KQ1075	bid 2D to show at least	♠97653	bid 1H, the spade suit
♥AJ1072	5-5 shape with both	♥AKJ106	is so poor in quality
♦73	majors.	♦K7	it cannot be shown as
♣J		♣2	five cards.

You hold below but this time right hand opponent opens 1H at game all,

♠AQJ98	bid 2H to show at least	♠J9543	pass, although
♥J9	5-5 shape with spades	♥AQ	the hand has 5-5 shape
♦8	and a minor.	♦Q9543	the suits are very poor
♣KQJ108		♣K	in quality.

## Responding to Michaels cue bids.

The auction proceeds 1C-2C-P-? at favourable vulnerability and you hold

♠Q84	partner has shown 5-5	♠A7	You have an excellent
♥J8	in the majors. Bid 2S	♥K976	heart fit and a good
♦KJ5	since you have an eight	♦AK7	holdings in the other
♣QJ642	card fit.	♣QJ75	suits, bid 4H.

