

2 Suited Overcalls

Michaels – and Leaping Michaels?

Michaels Overcall Cue Bid

- Opener Bids 1 C or 1D
- An overcall of 2C or 2D shows 5/5 in the majors.
- Opener Bids 1 H or 1S.
- An overcall of 2 H or 2S shows 5 in the other major and 5 in a minor.
- This must be the first bid of you or your partner. YOU cannot use Michaels if your partner has already bid, your partner can have passed,
- Michaels works in coordination with the unusual 2NT (the two lowest unbid suits).

When to use a Michaels Cue Bid

- General view is at least 8 points.
- However vulnerability must be taken into account. If non vul point count can be lower. If vul against non vul then a higher point count is advisable.
- Points should be in your 2 suits. Points in your short suits can be worthless.
- Also point count must take into account the level your partner has to respond at. 1S 2S overcall forces your partner to bid at 3 level or 2NT asking for your minor. 3C by partner is pass or correct; 2NT by partner is somewhat stronger.

Leaping Michaels

- This is a convention to respond a weak 2 major opening
- Over a weak 2 major opening. 4C shows the other major and clubs 5/5.
- Over a weak 2 major opening 4D show the other major and diamonds 5/5
- Additionally over a minor pre-empt,
- Over 2D a 4 club shows shows clubs and an unspecified major.
- Over 3C a 4D shows diamonds and an unspecified major.
- Over a weak 2 major opening 2NT shows minors (5/5)

How to respond to Partners Cue Bid (1).

- After [1H] -2H shows spades and a minor.
- 2S is take out – Michaels bidder passes.
- 2NT conventional asking Michaels bidder to bid their minor. Bid shows some interest in game – see 3C below.
- 3C pass or correct by Michaels bidder – weak.
- 3S shows a fit and is invitational
- 4S game going – good fit

How to respond to Partners Michaels Cue (2)

- After (1C or 1D)- 2C or 2D (showing both majors)
- (1C)- 2C showing both majors – (P) – 2D artificial asking for preferred Major.
- 2H or 2S – preference and weak.
- 3H or 3S – invitational.
- After (1D) – 2D (showing both majors)
- 2H or 2S is weak and to play
- 3D shows support in both majors (3 at least) and is invitational
- 3H or 3S shows support in suit and is invitational

Avantages of Micaels Cue Bid

- Provides a clear picture to your Partner (also to opposition) of your hand and enables partner to select response in one bid.
- Eats up bidding space to opposition .
- Also facilitates a sacrifice bid non vul v vul.
- Downside is if you end up defending you have given opposition a lot of information,