

Cue Bidding for Slam Exploration

When Does A Cue Bid Show Slam Interest?

- After a major suit agreement at the three level, a new suit bid should be considered a cue bid.
 - 1 ♥ ... pass ... 3 ♥,,,pass ... 3 ♠ The 3 ♠ bid is a cue bid, showing first-round control of the spade suit and slam interest.
 - 1 ♠ ... pass ... 3 ♠ ... pass...4 ♣ The 4 ♣ bid is a cue bid showing-first round control of the club suit and slam interest.

When Does A Cue Bid Show Slam Interest?

- After a major suit agreement at the two level, a new suit bid is usually a help-suit game try.
- After a minor suit agreement, a new suit bid is usually an attempt to get to a 3 nt game.
 - Such bids don't necessarily show first-round control but a stopper in the suit.
 - K Q 10, A J 9, Q J 10, etc.

Key Card Is Not Always the Best Way to Begin Slam Exploration

- Cue bid when
 - You have good reason to think your side might have a slam.
 - You have a void (♠A Q 8 5 4 ♥ A Q J 7 6
♦K Q 3 ♣ _____)
 - You have a worthless doubleton (or more)
- You may be able to use blackwood with a worthless doubleton, if you have learned through cue bidding that partner has control of that suit.

Cue Bids

- Cue bids are given up the line, with the most convenient suit shown first.
- When a player skips a suit in which she could cue bid, that player is saying, by inference, that she does not have a first-round control in the suit skipped.

Cue Bids

- You cannot cue bid in the trump suit.
- A bid of the trump suit says.. “I have nothing further to add.
- If you need information about the quality of the trump suit, you must use Blackwood.

North

♠ A J 8 2

♥ A Q J

♦ K Q J

♣ 7 4 3

South

♠ K Q 9 7 5

♥ K 7 6

♦ A 8

♣ J 5 2

Example 1

North

1 ♣

3 ♠

4 ♥

South

1 ♠

4 ♦

4 ♠

North

♠ Q J 8

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ Q 7 6 5

♣ A 3

South

♠ A K 2

♥ A Q J 7 6

♦ 10 3

♣ K Q 10

Example 2

North

3 ♥

4 ♣

South

1 ♥

3 ♠

4 ♥

North

♠ 7 5

♥ K 5 4 3

♦ A J 6 5

♣ A 8 3

South

♠ A K 2

♥ A Q J 7 6

♦ 10 3

♣ K Q 10

Example 3

North

3 ♥

4 ♣

5 ♦

South

1 ♥

3 ♠

4 ♥

6 ♥

North

♠ 10 7 5 3

♥ A 9

♦ Q 6 5 2

♣ Q 8 3

South

♠ A Q J 9 6 2

♥ Q J

♦ A K

♣ A K J

Example 4

North

2 ♦

3 ♠

4 ♥

5 ♣

South

2 ♣

2 ♠

4 ♣

4nt

6 ♠

North

♠ 10 9 7

♥ A K 9

♦ Q J 6 5 2

♣ K 8

South

♠ A 8 6 4 2

♥ 7 3

♦ A K

♣ A Q J 3

Example 5

North

2 ♦

3 ♠

4 ♥

5 ♣

South

1 ♠

2 nt

4 ♣

4nt

North

♠ 10 9 8 3

♥ A 9 2

♦ K 6 5 2

♣ Q 8

South

♠ A K Q J 4 2

♥ K Q 3

♦ A Q J 4

♣

Example 6

North

2 ♦

3 ♠

4 ♥

6 ♦

South

2 ♣

2 ♠

4 ♣

5 ♦

6/7 ♠

North

♠ K Q J 9 8 2

♥ A 9 5 2

♦ Q 5 2

♣

South

♠ A

♥ K Q J 7 6 3

♦ A K 9 7

♣ 8 4

Example 7

North

1 ♠

4 ♣

4 ♥

6 ♣

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

4 ♦

4nt

7 ♥