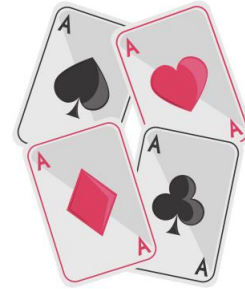


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Cue Bids Three Ways

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What Is a Cue Bid?

An artificial bid of a suit that has been bid by the opponents, in which you do not intend to play.





Three Ways to Use Cue Bids:

- To Raise Partner's Suit
- To Show a 2-Suited Hand
- To Show/Ask for a Stopper





Using a Cue Bid to Raise Partner's Suit

- Shows a limit raise or better (10-12+ HCP) with 3+-card support for partner's suit
- Often forces partner to the 3-level when they are the opener
- Usually lets partner get out at the 2-level when they are the overcaller





Examples—North is the Opener

Example 1

1♥

1♠

2♠

Example 2

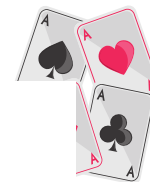
1♦

2♦

P

1♥





Example: 1♣ – 1♥ – 1♠ – ?

YOUR HAND (11 HCP):

♠ K 4

♥ K 7 5

♦ A J T 4

♣ 9 7 4 2

- Cue bid 2♣ for a 3-piece raise and 2♠ for a 4-piece raise!





Jump Cue (3-Level)

- A 4+-piece “mixed raise” (7-9 HCP)
- Stronger than a pre-emptive raise--has some defensive value
- Weaker than a limit raise
- Used in response to partner’s overcall





Examples—North is the Opener

Example 1

Example 2

1♦

1♦

3♦

1♥

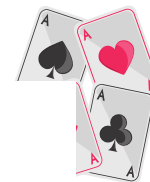
3♦

1♥

P

1♠/2♣





Example: 1♣ – 1♥ – 1♠ – ?

YOUR HAND (11 HCP):

♠ 6 4
♥ Q T 7 5
♦ A J T 4
♣ 8 4 2

- Bid 3♣—jump cue
- Note that 3♠ would be a splinter!





Using a Cue Bid to Show a 2-Suited Hand— Michaels Cue

- Generally, made in the direct seat after opponents open the bidding
- Your partner has not bid
- Promises 5+ cards in each of two unbid suits
- Gets two suits into a competitive auction with one bid





Michaels Cue

- $1\clubsuit - 2\clubsuit$: 5/5+ Hearts and Spades
- $1\diamond - 2\diamond$: 5/5+ Hearts and Spades
- $1\heartsuit - 2\heartsuit$: 5/5+ Spades and a minor
- $1\spadesuit - 2\spadesuit$: 5/5+ Hearts and a minor
- To find our partner's minor after $1\heartsuit - 2\heartsuit$ or $1\spadesuit - 2\spadesuit$, bid 2NT





Michaels Cue—Mini/Maxi

- Use the Michaels Cue for hands from 6-11 HCP or 16+ HCP
- Bid your suits separately for hands from 12-15 HCP
- If not playing mini/maxi, use the Michaels Cue for all ranges of hands





Michaels Cue—Partnership Agreements

- Will you play Michaels Cue in the pass-out seat?
Example: $1\clubsuit - P - P - ??$
- Will you play mini/maxi, or use the Michaels Cue for all ranges of hands?
- Will you use the Michaels Cue if you are 5/4?





Using a Cue Bid to Show/Ask for a Stopper

General Rule:

- When the opponents have bid one suit, a cue bid “asks” for a stopper
- When the opponents have bid two suits, a cue bid “shows” a stopper

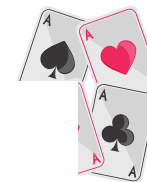




Western Cue--Asking for a Stopper

- Made at the 3-level
- The opponents have bid one suit
- Asks partner to bid 3NT with a stopper





Example: N E S W
1 ♣ - 1 ♥ - 1 ♠ - 2 ♥
3 ♥ - P - ??

RESPONDER (SOUTH):

♠ K 8 6 5 4

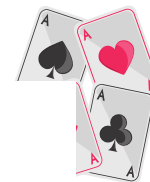
♥ A 3

♦ J T 4 2

♣ 9 4

- Bid 3NT with a Heart stopper





Example:

	N		E		S		W			
	1	♦	-	P	-	1	♠	-	2	♥
	3	♦	-	P	-	3	♥	-	P	

OPENER (NORTH):

♠ K 4

♥ 9 4 3

♦ A K T 9 8 7 2

♣ K

- Bid 4♦ to deny a Heart stopper





Showing a Stopper--The Opponents Have Bid 2 Suits

Example:

	N		E		S		W
	1 ♣	-	1 ♦	-	1 ♥	-	1 ♠
	2 ♣	-	P	-	2 ♠		

- 2♠ promises a Spade stopper, and asks partner to bid NT with a Diamond stopper





QUESTIONS?





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THANK YOU ♥

