

-Cue Bids

When the opponents have bid a suit, either as an opening bid or an overcall, bidding their suit is called a cue-bid, and can have a variety of meanings, depending on the bidding circumstances.

Michael's Cue-Bid – If your RHO opens and you bid 2 of their suit, this is not normally an attempt to play in their suit, even if it is short, but is generally describing a 2-suiter, at least 5-5, excluding the opened suit. The strength of the hand should be either weak or strong, but not intermediate, as intermediate hands are best shown by bidding both of your suits, highest rank first, unless one of the suits is 6 or more in length.

After a Minor suit opening on your right, 2 of the same minor generally shows both majors, and 2NT shows the other minor and one major suit.

After a major suit opening on your right, 2 of the same major shows the other major and one minor suit, and 2NT shows both minors.

Notrump Probe – If you or your partner, or both have been bidding, and an opponent is also in the bidding, a bid of the opponent's suit by you asks your partner to bid 2NT/3NT with a stopper in their suit. A jump to 3NT shows extra values.

Support Cue – If your partner overcalls a **major** suit and you bid their suit at the lowest level, you are showing support for your partner's suit, with at least the strength of a limit raise. If you jump to the 3-level in the opponent's suit, you are asking partner to bid 3NT with a stopper.

Support Cue – If your partner overcalls a **minor** suit, game in the minor is a long way off and you still use a cue-bid to show support for the minor, but it may be more productive to use it to also ask the overcaller to bid NT with a stopper. If available, 2NT shows a minimum overcall, and 3NT with more than minimum. If the overcaller does not have a stopper they simply rebid their minor, at the lowest level with a minimum, or jump with extra values.