

Cuebids

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What is a cuebid?

- A bid of opponent's suit
- A bid of first or second round control in a game forcing auction looking for slam
- A bid of a suit showing a notrump stopper
- **Cuebid is forcing except the following two cases:**

W	N	E	S	W	N	E	S
1♣	P	P	1♠	1♣	3♣	All Pass	
1NT	2♣	All Pass					

Examples:

1. Michaels Cuebid

- A direct seat cuebid by either an unpassed or passed hand
- A cuebid of a minor shows 5-5 in the majors
- A cuebid of a major shows 5-5 in the other major and an unspecified minor
 - 2NT asks for the minor

2. Top and Other Cuebid

- A more versatile version of Michaels cuebid
- A cuebid of a major shows 5-5 in the highest unbid suit and an unspecified lower suit
 - 2NT asks for lower ranking suit
 - | W | N | E | S | |
|----|----|---|---|-------------------------------|
| 1♣ | 2♣ | | | 5 ♠'s and either 5♥'s or 5♦'s |
| 1♦ | 2♦ | | | 5 ♠'s and either 5♥'s or 5♣'s |
| 1♥ | 2♥ | | | 5 ♠'s and five in a minor |
| 1♠ | 2♠ | | | 5 ♥'s and five in a minor |

3. Competitive Cuebid

Partner is an overcall

W	N	E	S	
1♣	1♥	p	2♣	Partner, are you a full opener?
	2♥			No
	Any other bid			Yes

What's 2♥ by south?

3♥ by south?

4. Invitational Cuebid

They overcall Partner

W	N	E	S	
	1♥	2♣	3♣	limit raise or more in ♥'s

5. Western Cuebid

Partner, with a stopper in opponent's suit bid notrump

6. Tell me more, partner.

- Delayed support shows one card less than expected if partner's suit is raised immediately.
- Stopper
- second suit
- One's own suit if it is one more card than initially shown

In competitive bridge, one jumps in the bidding when weak and one bids opponent's suit to force.