

# Western Cuebid

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## What is a cuebid?

- **With No Interference**
  - 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
- **With Interference**
  - A bid of opponent's suit

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

## Properties of a Cuebid over Interference

- **Forcing**
  - 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					
- Shows one of the following:
  - a Limit Raise or better in Partner's Suit (Invitational Cuebid)
  - **A desire to be told more**
    - Gives partner a chance to:
      - Show delayed support which shows one card less than expected if the suit is raised immediately.
      - Show a stopper by bidding No Trump (Western Cuebid)
      - Show a second suit
      - Repeat his own suit if it is one more card than initially shown

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A cuebid of an opponent's suit asks partner, with a stopper in opponent's suit, to bid No Trump. If the person making the cuebid had sufficient stoppers himself, he would just bid 3NT.

Examples:

1.	W	N	E	S
	1♥	3♥	P	3NT

North could have a hand like:

♠Ax ♥xx ♦AKQJxxx ♣Qx

2.	W	N	E	S
	1♣	Dbl	P	1♠
				(2♣ and 3♣ are taken)
	P	3♣	P	3NT

North could have a hand like:

♠Ax ♥Qx ♦AKQJxxx ♣xx

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

Without a stopper, East bids his longest suit.

4.	W	N	E	S
	1♣	1♠	2♠	shows ♣ support and 10+ (inv cuebid)
	1♥	1♠	2♦	P
	3♣	P	3♠	P
	3NT			New Suit at two-level is forcing (Western Cuebid)

5.	W	N	E	S
	1♣	1♠	P	2♣
				Asks Partner if he is a full opener (Overcall Cuebid)

W	N	E	S	
1♣	1♠	P	2♣	Are you a full opener? 2♠ = No
				any other bid = Yes
P	2♦	P	3♣	Western Cuebid
P	3NT			