

MICHAELS CUE BID

A direct cue bid over a one-level natural opening bid by a passed hand (only) is a Michaels cue bid. If in a minor, it shows both majors. If in a major, it shows the other major and an unspecified minor. Partner can bid notrump to ask which minor.

At least 5-5, please, but if 5-4, the four-carder has to be the higher ranking. As usual when showing two suits artificially, partner prefers the lower-ranking when given a choice.

A balancing cue bid is not Michaels, even by a passed hand. See section 8-7, Reopening the Bidding.

Michaels can be used over a raised opening.