

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ **MICHAELS CUE BID AND UNUSUAL NT** ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
Bidding with 2 5-Card Suits

Why:

- Descriptive
- Disruptive/preemptive

When:

- **After** opponents have opened
- **Before** partner has bid

What hands qualify?

- Two 5-card or longer good suits
- Either less than 10 points OR 16+ points

Michael's Cue Bid – for major suits:

Cue bid of opener's suit --

Shows 2 major suits if opponents opened a minor suit

Shows the other major and an unspecified minor if opponents opened a major suit

So:

- 1C or 1D – cue bid = 5 hearts and 5 spades
- 1H or 1S – cue bid = other major + a 5-card minor

Unusual NT – for minor suits:

Jump to 2NT after opener's bid

Shows 2 minor suits if opponent opened a major

Shows 2 lowest unbid suits if opponent opened a minor

So:

- 1H or 1S – 2NT = 5 clubs and 5 diamonds
- 1C – 2NT = 5 hearts and 5 diamonds
- 1D – 2NT = 5 hearts and 5 clubs
- (Notice that you cannot show 5 spades and a minor)

RESPONSES:

Obviously both these bids are artificial and **Forcing!**

Bid your preferred of the 2 suits – partner will bid again with the strong hand

0-8 – bid lowest level

9-11 – jump a level

12+ - jump to game (major) or 3NT if possible

With a very weak hand and extra length, jump to game (sacrifice)

For unspecified minor in Michael's Cue Bid, bid 2 NT to ask partner to name his minor suit

If opponents intervene, compete with some strength and support, otherwise pass

EXAMPLES:

1. Opponents = 1H

♠-7
♥-4,3
♦-Q,J,10,8,6
♣-A,Q,J,9,5

2. Opponents = 1C

♠-8
♥-K,J,9,7,5
♦-A,10,8,6,5,3
♣-2

3. Opponents = 1H

♠-9,8
♥-6
♦-K,Q,J,9,8
♣-A,K,J,9,3

4. Opponents = 1C

♠-K,J,9,8,5
♥-K,Q,10,7,3
♦-5,3
♣-2

5. Opponents = 1D

♠-K,Q,J,8
♥-A,J,10,7,4
♦-7
♣-9,4,3

6. Opponents = 1H

♠-Q,J,10,8,7
♥-4,3
♦-A,Q,J,9,5
♣-2

7. Opponents = 1S

♠-
♥-A,Q,J,7,5
♦-6,5
♣-J,10,9,7,6,5

8. Opponents = 1D

♠-A,K,J,9,5
♥-A,K,Q,8,2
♦-6,4
♣-5

9. Opponents = 1H

♠-K,Q,10,8,5
♥-3
♦-10,4
♣-A,K,Q,7,4

Answers:

1-2NT, 2-2NT, 3-2D, 4-2C, 5-1H
6-2H, 7-2S, 8-2D, 9-1S