

LEAPING MICHAELS CONVENTION

In the game of bridge, “**Leaping Michaels**” is a conventional overcall made in defense to an opposing 2-level or 3-level opening preempt. It provides a means to show strong, 18 or more High-Card Points, 5-5 or longer hands which are less suitable for a Take-out Double. Leaping Michaels Cue-Bids are “*Game-Forcing*”.

The Leaping Michaels Convention utilizes “**4C**” and “**4D**” as artificial, alertable overcalls. Similar to “Michaels Cue-Bids”, these 4-level Minor suit overcalls, if:

- a) A cue-bid in the Opponent’s opening Minor suit, it shows both Major suits, and if
- b) Not a cue-bid, the 4-level suit bid shows that Minor suit plus the alternate un-bid Major.

So, on preempts by the Opponents, the following bids apply when playing “Leaping Michaels”:

<u>Opponent’s Opening Preempt</u>	<u>Leaping Michaels Bid</u>	<u>Shows</u>
2H or 3H	“ 4C ”	Clubs and Spades (Responder bids 5C or 4S)
2H or 3H	“ 4D ”	Diamonds and Spades (Responder bids 5D or 4S)
2S or 3S	“ 4C ”	Clubs and Hearts (Responder bids 5C or 4H)
2S or 3S	“ 4D ”	Diamonds and Hearts (Responder bids 5D or 4H)
3C	“ 4C ”	Both Majors (Responder bids 4H or 4S)
2D or 3D	“ 4D ”	Both Majors (Responder bids 4H or 4S)
2D	“ 3D ”	Both Majors – (Not Game-Forcing) (Responder bids 3H or 4H or 3S or 4S)
3C	“ 4D ”	Diamonds and an Unspecified Major (Responder bids 5D or “ 4H ” as “ <u>Pass-or-Correct</u> ”)
2D or 3D	“ 4C ”	Clubs and an Unspecified Major (Responder bids 5C or “ 4D ” asking the Overcaller) (to bid his/her Major: 4H or 4S)