

# THE “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 – ( <b>Not Game-Forcing</b> ) (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)