

THE “LEAPING MICHAELS” CONVENTION

In the Game of Bridge, “**Leaping Michaels**” is a conventional overcall made following an 2-level or 3-level opening preempt by an Opponent. 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 subsequent to:

- a) an Opponent’s opening Minor suit, it shows both Major suits, and if
- b) an opening pre-empt of **2H, 3H, 2S** or **3S** by an Opponent, it 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 3-NT, 3H, 3S, 4H, 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)

Examples

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2H	“4D”			1S	Pass	2S	“4C”
	AQxxx						xx
	xx						AQxxx
	AKQxx						x
	A						AKQxx