

# 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 <b>5C</b> or <b>4S</b> )
2H or 3H	“4D”	Diamonds and Spades (Responder bids <b>5D</b> or <b>4S</b> )
2S or 3S	“4C”	Clubs and Hearts (Responder bids <b>5C</b> or <b>4H</b> )
2S or 3S	“4D”	Diamonds and Hearts (Responder bids <b>5D</b> or <b>4H</b> )
3C	“4C”	Both Majors (Responder bids <b>4H</b> or <b>4S</b> )
2D or 3D	“4D”	Both Majors (Responder bids <b>4H</b> or <b>4S</b> )
2D	“3D”	Both Majors – ( <b>Not Game-Forcing</b> ) (Responder bids <b>3-NT, 3H, 3S, 4H, or 4S</b> )
3C	“4D”	Diamonds and an Unspecified Major (Responder bids <b>5D</b> or “ <b>4H</b> ” as “ <u>Pass-or-Correct</u> ”)
2D or 3D	“4C”	Clubs and an Unspecified Major (Responder bids <b>5C</b> or “ <b>4D</b> ” asking the Overcaller to bid his/her Major: <b>4H</b> or <b>4S</b> )