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Direct Cuebid & Vs Opening Preempts

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DIRECT CUEBID			VS Opening Preempts Double Is	
OVER:	Minor	Major	Takeout <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thru <u>infinity</u>	Penalty <input type="checkbox"/>
Natural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conv. Takeout: _____	
Strong T/O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lebensohl 2NT Response <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Michaels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	

Direct Cuebid

1♣-2♣ or 1♦-2♦ show both majors. Cue-bidding a major shows 5-5 in the other major and either minor. At least 5-5 is expected. Vulnerability and suit-quality are key. The presumption is that this is a preemptive bid. Using [Michaels](#) and bidding again shows a very good hand (like AKJxx AQJ10x in our suits). After the [Michaels](#) Bid, 2NT asks for the minor (if it started 1♥-2♥ or 1♠-2♠). If it started 1♣-2♣ or 1♦-2♦, then 2NT is a game try (opener signs off in 3♥ with a minimum). The partner of the [Michaels](#) bidder can jump, but it is a preemptive (not invitational move).

Vs Opening Preempt Double Is

Takeout, of course. Even a double of 4♠ is "takeout," but in quotes since it will often be left in. Doubling a preempt never is meant as a command for partner to leave it in. At a high level, the partner of a takeout doubler will leave it in with balanced garbage.

[lebensohl](#) is checked, but should be used only by experienced player. This means that after a weak 2-bid is doubled, a bid of 2NT is a relay to 3♣ to show a weak hand. A direct 3-level bid is a better hand (invitational).

West North East South
2♥ Dbl Pass 2NT

So: In this auction, 2NT is [artificial](#) (alertable) and requests that the doubler bid 3♣. (The doubler can do something else with a "big" double). This convention is on if the partner of the doubler is a Passed Hand [P (2♥) X (P) 2N], but not if the doubler is a passed hand [such as P (2♥) P (P) X]. In that latter case, 2NT would be scrambling for the minors. As to the difference between 2NT-relay then a cue-bid as opposed to a direct cue-bid: Don't define the difference for the once a year it will come up