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COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY EFFECTIVE FROM 1 December 2021

Introduction

The Queensland Government has announced that inter-State travel restrictions will be eased from 17 December 2021 or earlier if 80% double vaccination rate is achieved. This will increase the risk of Covid-19 virus transmission within our community.

The Queensland Government has issued guidelines operative from 17 December 2021 [or earlier if 80% double vaccination rate around our Christmas achieved, as of the 19/11/21 they are expecting this to occur between the 6th and 12th December] which permit only **vaccinated** people to enter certain venues, including Bridge clubs.

The Bridge community in Queensland consists of a large percentage of people who are at high risk and otherwise vulnerable to infection from the virus, including many persons who are aged 70 years and above. Many of us have partners or other close family members who are also vulnerable.

The Toowoomba Bridge Club takes seriously its duty of care to try to keep its volunteers, officials and members as safe as possible and has determined that this policy should be effective from 1 December 2021. The Committee have decided on the 1st December so that we remove any uncertainty for both our Christmas party on the 11th and the Toowoomba Congress on the 12th.

Policy

The Toowoomba Bridge Club has resolved that, in keeping with Government and community standards and the identical vaccination policy to be introduced by the Queensland Bridge Association, the Toowoomba Bridge Club will only permit people who are **vaccinated** (meaning that they have received double vaccinations) to attend at, or participate in, sessions and events at its clubhouse or premises.

This requirement is not limited just to bridge members and players, but applies to everyone including non-members, non-players, kibitzers, beginners, employees, volunteers, contractors, and food preparers.

The onus is on the individual person to provide satisfactory evidence that they are vaccinated.

Such evidence includes the production of an appropriate current Government issued vaccination certificate (electronically or in paper form).

Such evidence must be produced to the nominated person on arrival at any session or event at the clubhouse or premises.

Information relating to vaccination status will be treated as confidential, and access to it will be restricted.