

***COVID-19 Toowoomba Bridge Club AMENDED COVID SAFE
PLAN 2021
Procedures Required for Entry to and Bridge Play at
Toowoomba Bridge Club***

COVID-Safe app: All members are encouraged to download the COVID Safe app.

Vaccines: All members are encouraged to receive the flu vaccine and an approved COVID 19 vaccine when available.

*This **COVID Plan** establishes the protocols that seek to minimise the risk of community infection to all players through the playing of bridge at the Toowoomba Bridge Club as well as those authorised persons entering the Toowoomba Bridge Club premises. It is however incumbent on every person entering the Club to read these Protocols and examine their own risk situation before making a decision to play face-to-face bridge at the Toowoomba Bridge Club.*

TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB COMMITMENTS to a COVID SAFE environment.

The Management Committee [MC] realises that it is not possible to eliminate ALL RISK from contracting Corona 19 Virus. Nevertheless, the following commitments to our Members have been agreed as best strategies we can provide in order to mitigate risk.

THE MC will:

- 1. Regularly monitor the threat situation and act quickly to minimise threats to health, which may include lockdown of the Club premises.*
- 2. Ensure that all details of this COVID Plan and any COVID threats are promptly communicated.*
- 3. Ensure that social distancing restrictions are applied throughout the Clubhouse and that the Club adheres to the following permitted maximum numbers at any one time; playing area [144], dealing room [4], kitchen [8], female toilets [4], male toilets [4], disabled toilet [1].*
- 4. Ensure that 1.5 metres social distancing is observed at all times within the Clubhouse by players during playing sessions with the exception of play at tables which is an exemption under the sport regulations of the QLD Government.*

The MC has agreed that the following should apply to ENTRY to the Clubhouse.

- 1. A COVID Officer who has completed the training through the Federal Government COVID website is present at entry for each playing session to ensure hand sanitising is carried out and remind any Member presenting with cold/flu/unwell symptoms that they should not play.*
- 2. Sanitiser will be provided at the Club entry for each person who enters the Clubhouse.*

AT PLAY

THE MC will

- 1. Ensure that all players are reminded through Director's Notices to sanitise hands after each Round, that touching their face can transfer infection to cards, boards and Bridgemates and therefore regular sanitising will minimise this risk.*
- 2. Provide sanitised Bridgemates to the player who has agreed to enter details for that table.*
- 3. Collect and sanitise Bridgemates at the end of session and store and label in a closed box to minimise the risk of any active virus.*
- 4. Provide bidding boards, pens and tissue boxes and ensure only one person at each table is responsible for writing on and cleaning the bidding boards.*
- 5. Ensure that any refreshment provided will be served in accordance with recommended COVID practices to minimise risk of transfer of infection.*
- 6. Ensure used Boards collected at the end of session are stored "at rest" for a period of at least 3 days to minimise any active virus.*

AT CONCLUSION OF PLAY

THE MC will

- 1. Ensure that all tables are sanitised using the provided materials.*
- 2. Ensure that each table is set up for the next session with tissues, sanitiser, bidding boards and pens.*
- 3. Ensure that bathrooms and entry table are sanitised at the conclusion of play.*

COMMITMENTS BY PLAYERS FOR PLAYING FACE-TO-FACE SESSIONS

Each Member or Visitor who enters the Clubhouse for face-to-face play or to perform any function inside the Clubhouse is a part of our community and it is essential, for the safety of our community that we take all necessary measures to protect our own personal safety. By doing this we can best ensure our collective safety. Compliance

with this COVID Plan is a necessary part of these measures. Accordingly, it is understood that by entering and playing at the Clubhouse that the following is agreed by each Member and Visitor:

ENTRY TO CLUBHOUSE

- 1. By entering I agree that I am certifying my compliance with the Club's Health Declaration and that my contact details [name, telephone/email] are either in the Club's database (or are provided to the Director if I am a playing Visitor) or are entered in the Out-Of-Session attendance book at the Club's entry or registered through the Club's QR Code.*
- 2. I will continually monitor my own health and on each entry into the Clubhouse ensure that I am not exhibiting any cold/flu symptoms or other symptoms that are typical of the COVID-19 virus.*
- 3. I acknowledge I will not be able to enter the Clubhouse if there is sufficient doubt about my good health. The COVID Officer will be the final arbiter regarding this.*
- 4. If I intend playing in a session of bridge, I will have previously registered my intention to play [and if playing in partnership I will have also registered the name of my partner] using the Club's registration system on its website. I agree that the Director for each session will be the final arbiter of the players approved to play.*
- 5. I will arrive at the Clubhouse no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled session start time.*
- 6. If I have to queue on entry, I will maintain the appropriate 1.5m social distancing whilst waiting to enter the Clubhouse.*
- 7. I will sanitise my hands on entry using the sanitiser provided, my own sanitiser or by a 20 second hand scrubbing in the appropriate bathroom.*
- 8. After entry I will proceed promptly to an appropriate table in preparation for play, taking care to socially distance.*

PLAY AT TABLE

1. When seated at a table I recognise that I am in a designated "field of play" as defined by the QLD Government.

2. I agree that:

(a) I will sanitise my hands at the conclusion of each playing round and before and after having consumed any refreshment or otherwise touching my face. Sanitiser is provided by the Club or I may bring my own. Alternatively, if any player has a sensitivity to sanitiser, they may choose to wear gloves which they can sanitise in a similar manner to those without gloves.

(b) I will assist all players to actively contribute to a culture of not touching their faces whilst at table.

3. I will individually deposit the exact amount of table fees (currently \$5.00) in cash or by voucher in the container brought to the table by the COVID officer.

4. I will remain seated at my table until directed to move by the Director other than:

(a) to visit the toilet;

(b) to make use of the hot or cold-water facilities;

Whilst moving around the Clubhouse for any of these activities I will maintain social distancing standards of 1.5 meters from others.

5. I agree that only one player (normally North) will take charge of the Bridgemate and entry of scores into the Bridgemate.

6. I agree that only one player will use the bidding board provided and enter the bids given by each player. In addition, only one player will collect, handle and replace the Boards at the conclusion of each round. If I am in charge of the bidding that I will wipe the bidding board at the conclusion of each playing hand with a fresh tissue and immediately dispose of that tissue in the bin provided.

7. At the conclusion of a day's session, those players seated EW will be responsible for disposing of the contents of the rubbish bins in the appropriate recyclable or non-recyclable bins provided.

THE CLUB'S KITCHEN AND REFRESHMENTS

1. I acknowledge that the Club's kitchen is out of bounds to all players unless they are approved by the Management Committee or Director to enter for the purpose of serving any refreshments.

2. I will bring my own cup, spoon and refreshments such as tea and coffee for my own personal use and will take my property home with me on conclusion. The Club's refrigerators are not for my personal use and must not be used by players. I will however have access to the hot and cold-water urns as well as disposable cups provided by the Club, although these must be appropriately disposed of after use.

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