

TOOWONG BRIDGE CLUB COVID-19 SAFE PLAN

AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEMBERS AND THE TBC COVID-19 SAFE TEAM (CST).

Introduction: This document seeks to establish an agreement between TBC members and the TBC COVID SAFE TEAM through which the risk of community infection by the playing of bridge at Toowong Bridge Club is minimised.

PLEASE NOTE: the goal cannot possibly be to eliminate ALL risk. This CORONA VIRUS has proven to be deadly in its unpredictability.

However, this agreement (to be sealed by signature of all interested members) does embody strategies complying with government and health authority advice to mitigate COVID-19 risk. No corners have been cut and no standards been ignored.

We view this agreement as current best practice.

The onus is on all members to examine their own risk profile before making a decision to return to club play at this time.

Members' commitments to the club re-opening:

As a member of TBC club committed to the reopening of the club it is vital that I actively support the understanding that Covid-19 is a real and major existential threat to the Toowong Bridge Club. My mere compliance with our COVID-19 SAFE PLAN is not enough. Our collective personal safety vitally depends on all of us protecting ourselves and others as well as ensuring everyone else is also protecting themselves and others. We really are 'all in this together'. I agree to:

1. **General health:**
 - a. continually monitor my own personal health and that of any close contacts I may experience;
 - b. personally monitor for any symptoms specifically associated with COVID-19 e.g. fever, respiratory symptoms, coughing, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, headache, muscle or joint pains, nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, loss of sense of smell, altered sense of taste, loss of appetite and fatigue;
 - c. not entering the club if I am experiencing any of these symptoms, or are suffering from any other communicable disease. I understand that I will not be permitted entry to the club if there is sufficient doubt regarding my good health.

2. **Entering:** By approaching the entrance to the club, I acknowledge that I:
 - a. am a current members of the Toowong Bridge Club;
 - b. have made a prior booking to play at the session;
 - c. will arrive at the club no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled start time;
 - d. will queue, if necessary, in the dedicated area displaying correct distancing outside the main door;

- e. am not exhibiting any symptoms that are typical of COVID-19, and agree that I will actively support and participate in our COVID-19 SAFE PLAN;
 - f. will allow my temperature to be taken and details entered on my signed COVID-19 Health Declaration – to be retained for the clubs records;
 - g. will complete a 20 second hand scrubbing or sanitizing on entry, sanitizing my hands at the end of each round, after visiting the bathroom, anytime I leave the table, eating etc;
 - h. will bring my own pen, cup, teaspoon, refreshments, water etc for my own personal use – I will take all my own property home with me at the session end;
 - i. will use appropriate hygiene when coughing or sneezing. If I must cough or sneeze, I will endeavour to do so into my elbow or a tissue I will take home with me;
 - j. am committed to supporting and encouraging all members to observe these practices;
 - k. will monitor and encourage all our clubs' participants to absolutely limit the touching of face, nose and eyes.
3. **The Club Rooms: By entering the Club Rooms, I acknowledge that I:**
- a. will observe the social distancing requirements and keep 1.5m from other members whenever possible;
 - b. will be mindful of and comply with all notices detailing requirements, e.g. maximum number of people simultaneously in the toilets, office, kitchen etc;
 - c. will come prepared and dressed appropriately for the windows to be open and the fans to be on throughout a session.
4. **The table:** By taking my place at the bridge table I agree that:
- a. North / South will solely operate the Bridgemate and position the bidding slips – North / South will decide between them who is doing what;
 - b. South will collect the next boards from the next higher numbered table;
 - c. North will distribute the used boards to the next lower numbered table;
 - d. all players will sanitize their hands after the new East / West players are seated and North / South players are re-seated after the boards are collected and received;
 - e. all players should actively contribute to a culture of players NOT touching their faces etc during play;
 - f. boards will be left neatly on the tables at the end of the session.
5. **Payment of Entry Fees:**
- a. after entry has been approved, please individually deposit session table fees in the plastic cash container that will be brought to the table;
 - b. EXACT MONEY OR VOUCHER is required – absolutely no change will be given.

6. **Bridgmate:**

- a. I will not touch the bridgmate unless I am the agreed Bridgmate operator at the table;
- b. as the Bridgmate operator, I will enter ABF numbers into the Bridgmate at the start of a session. I will immediately confirm with all players that the names are correct. No table slips will be filled out;
- c. as the Bridgmate operator, I will enter scores into the bridgmate and show East or West the entry and press OK when they agree;
- d. scorers operating the Bridgmate (e.g. correcting a score) must sanitize their hands before and after operating the Bridgmate;
- e. directors operating the Bridgmate (e.g. assigning an average score) must sanitize their hands before and after operating the Bridgmate;
- f. as the Bridgmate operator, I will clean the bridgmate with a sanitized wipe provided at the start and end of the session;
- g. Bridgmates will be left on the table at the end of session.

7. **Bidding:** (larger than normal bidding slips will be provided to compensate for mandatory distancing between players. There will be no rubbish bins near the tables)

- a. as the designated player controlling the bidding slips, I will position an enlarged bidding slip at centre table at the start of each board;
- b. I will minimise my touching of the bidding slips unless I am the designated player at the table;
- c. if I want to keep a bidding slip, I will write one out specifically for me to take home;
- d. as the designated player controlling the bidding slips, I will remove and keep the used slip at the end of each board;
- e. as the designated player controlling the bidding slips, at the end of play I will discard all used bidding slips in the appropriate 'paper only' bin near the front door.

8. **Leaving the club rooms:**

- a. All players will wash / sanitize their hands before leaving the club rooms

COVID-19 SAFE TEAM (CST) commitments to the club re-opening:

The TBC COVID-19 SAFE TEAM (CST) is committed to the reopening of the club through the development, implementation and amendment of our COVID-19 SAFE PLAN, revising that plan as required, ensuring it reflects up to date information from the ABF, QBA, government and public health officials. The CST commits to:

1. General Health:

- a. building ownership of our COVID-SAFE PLAN by members through club publication of medically verified material detailing the serious existential threat that COVID-19 holds for duplicate contract bridge as we currently know it;
- b. regularly monitoring the club's threat profile and acting quickly to minimise imminent threats e.g. re-locking down the club should it be deemed appropriate;
- c. ensuring all conditions detailed in the COVID-19 SAFE PLAN are supported by sufficient documentation and practices to make compliance by members as simple as possible; E.g. floor indicators showing social distancing limits, one-way arrows showing entrance/exits etc;
- d. actively promoting the Queensland Health recommended download and use of the Covid-Safe app.

2. Entering:

- a. greeting members at the door and ensuring that each individual has their temperature taken by non-contact thermometer. If an individual's temperature is greater than 37.5 degrees Celsius, then entry will be denied;
- b. ensuring members' temperatures are entered on their signed COVID-19 Health Declarations prior to entry;
- c. ensuring only individuals who have answered 'no' to all questions on their Health Declaration are allowed entry to the club;
- d. retaining completed members' COVID-19 Health Declarations for the club's records. Records will be retained by the club for 28 days as required by government regulations;
- e. ensuring members proceed directly to the washing /sanitizing facility immediately upon entry.

3. The Club Rooms:

- a. ensuring social distancing guidelines are adhered to;
- b. distancing markers on the floor will be used as reminders in areas of possible congestion eg when arriving etc;
- c. ensuring as much fresh air as possible is circulated into the club rooms – consequently, when practical, doors will be open and fans will operate as well as having the air-conditioning running.

4. The table:

- a. providing sanitizer on every table to ensure every player has the ability to remove all trace of the virus from their hands at the beginning and end of each round;
- b. developing a culture where all players actively discourage each other from transferring infection from boards and cards to their face. The regular sanitizing of everyone's hands will minimise this risk;
- c. collecting used boards at the end of each session and storing them in isolation to 'rest' for at least 3 days to ensure no active virus remains on the cards;
- d. allowing a further 3 days after the dealers have completed a box of boards so no active virus remains on the cards when used at the next session.

5. Payment of entry fees:

- a. individually collecting each players entry fees by their direct depositing of exact change or voucher into the plastic cash container;
- b. The partner of the session Director will undertake this task at each table.

6. Bridgemate:

- a. Providing sanitizing wipes to be used to disinfect Bridgemates before and after each session;
- b. Providing a notice on each table reminding members that only the designated Bridgemate operator should touch the Bridgemate;
- c. Collecting used Bridgemates at the end of each session, wiping with a sanitizing wipe and storing them in the appropriate Bridgemate trolley.

7. Bidding:

- a. Ensuring that only sufficient oversized bidding slips for each session are provided at each table;
- b. Ensuring that bidding slips are removed from tables after each session and discarded into the appropriate 'paper only' bin near the front door.

8. Leaving the club rooms:

- a. Reminding members to wash or sanitize hands at the washing / sanitizing facility immediately before leaving the club rooms.

Critical Information:

1. General health:

- a. COVID-19 is a new disease, so there is no existing immunity in the human community. This means that COVID-19 could & does spread widely and quickly;
- b. There is currently no specific effective treatment for COVID-19 infection, or any vaccine;
- c. It remains unclear whether good, sustained immunity is gained by those who recover from COVID-19 infection;
- d. COVID-19 spreads readily from person to person:– droplets (cough or sneeze) either directly from an infected person or touching objects or surfaces (like doorknobs or tables) which have droplet contamination from an infected person, and then touching your mouth, face or eyes;
- e. Infected people can spread virus for up to 48 hours before showing any symptoms themselves;
- f. Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from very mild illness to pneumonia. Some people will recover easily, while others may get very sick, very quickly;
- g. Those most at risk of serious illness and death include: all people 70 years & older or all people over 65 with chronic medical conditions especially diabetes and hypertension or all people with compromised immune systems;
- h. There is little, if any, benefit in asymptomatic healthy people routinely wearing masks from day to day. Masks worn by infected people reduce the spread to others;
- i. A second wave of infection is considered by many health experts to be inevitable.

2. Entering:

- a. A higher than average temperature is one of the most credible of COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals with temperatures greater than 37.5 degrees Celsius will not be admitted to the club;
- b. When allowed entry, wash your hands often with soap and water for longer than 20 seconds. It takes any soap 20 seconds to break up and disperse a virus;
- c. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers when you can't use soap and water;
- d. This includes before and after eating and after visiting the bathroom;
- e. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

3. The Club Rooms:

- a. Under current level 3 restrictions, 4 square metres must be allowed/person and 1.5 metres distance allowed between members;
- b. Consequently tables have been enlarged to 1.5 metres square and extra space allowed between tables to ensure spacing requirements are met;
- c. Spacing and density restrictions will also be applied in the toilets, office and kitchen;
- d. Thorough cleaning in compliance with COVID SAFE standards is critical to ensure all surfaces that may be touched by members are completely sanitized.

4. **The table:**
 - a. The cards and boards are a potential major contributor to viral infection;
 - b. It is clearly not practical to sanitize every board and card before it is transferred to the next table;
 - c. Therefore, the method we will use will be to ensure all players sanitize their hands at the beginning and end of each round;
 - d. As long as players avoid touching their faces etc during bidding and play, the risk of infection from this source will be minimised;
 - e. A member of the CST will collect the used boards at the end of play.

5. **Payment of entry fees:**
 - a. The plastic cash collection container will be sanitized before and after each session;
 - b. Handling of cash or vouchers presents many opportunities for infection. If members individually deposit cash or vouchers directly into the provided cash container, the risk will be minimised.

6. **Bridgemate:**
 - a. Only one person should ever touch the Bridgemate;
 - b. That individual will sanitize the Bridgemate at the start of the session and again at the end of session;
 - c. A member of the CST will collect the Bridgemate from the table at the end of session, re-sanitize it and store it away until the next session.

7. **Bidding:**
 - a. Only one person should distribute and align the bidding slip;
 - b. Players who wish to save bidding slips to take home must take a copy;
 - c. At the end of session, the designated bidding slip operator discards all the slips from the session into the appropriate rubbish bin.

Member's signature confirming agreement:.....