

TOOWONG BRIDGE CLUB COVID-19 SAFE PLAN
(based on the Queensland Government Industry COVID SAFE PLAN for Indoor Sports)

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

Introduction: This document seeks to establish an agreement between TBC members, and visitors 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 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 and visitors to examine their own risk profiles before making decisions to play face-to-face bridge at TBC.

Members' and Visitors' commitments to playing face-to-face bridge at TBC:

As a Member or Visitor of TBC committed to face-to-face bridge at TBC, 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 the TBC 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 enter 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. understand that I may not be allowed to play in an advertised red point event if I have not made a prior booking. The session Director has the delegated authority to allow flexibility on this rule;
 - b. will arrive at the club no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start time;

- c. will queue if necessary, maintaining 1.5 metre social distancing, outside the main door or in the clubrooms' lobby area;
- d. will maintain social distancing of 1.5 metres throughout all areas of our club rooms with the sole exception of when actually playing our sport at the bridge tables (1.5 metres distancing should be maintained at all times in the clubrooms if at all possible);
- 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. if I am a member, I have provided TBC with my latest contact details on TBC's Pianola Membership Database (including name, email address, telephone number);
- g. if I am a Visitor, then I will enter my name, phone number and email address in the Attendance Book at the entry to the club rooms or register using the QR Code before making my way to the playing area;
(NOTE: BY ENTERING THE CLUB, BOTH MEMBERS AND VISITORS ARE CERTIFYING THAT THEY ARE COMPLIANT WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF TBC'S HEALTH DECLARATION, THEY WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT ALL FACETS OF THE TBC COVID SAFE PLAN AND HAVE PROVIDED TBC WITH THEIR LATEST CONTACT DETAILS IN THE MANNERS DESCRIBED UNDER f. and g. above);
- h. will complete a 20 second hand scrubbing or sanitizing on entry, sanitize my hands at the end of each round, after visiting the bathroom, anytime I leave the table, eating etc;
- i. will bring my own pen, cup, teaspoon, refreshments, etc for my own personal use – I will take all my own property home with me at the session end;
- j. 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;
- k. am committed to supporting and encouraging all members to observe these practices;
- l. will monitor and encourage all our club's 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 with the exception of when I am playing our sport at the bridge table;
- b. will be mindful of and comply with all notices detailing social density requirements (2 sq. Metres / person), e.g. maximum number of people simultaneously in the club's main playing room (177 persons), ladies bathroom (19 persons), gents bathroom (9 persons), office (9 persons), kitchen (12 persons), training room (22 persons) etc.

4. The table: By taking my place at the bridge table I agree that:

- a. 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.

- Individuals may select to use their own covid safe sanitizer rather than using TBC's product or choose to wear gloves which they will sanitize in a similar manner as those without gloves;
- b. all players should actively contribute to a culture of players NOT touching their faces etc during play;

5. Payment of Table Fees: Upon entry, I agree that:

- a. I will individually deposit appropriate coupons/vouchers in the plastic collection container that will be brought to the table prior to the commencement of play;
- b. **VOUCHERS/COUPONS ONLY** are acceptable – TBC is a cashless organisation.

COVID-19 SAFE TEAM (CST) commitments to face to face bridge at TBC:

The TBC COVID-19 SAFE TEAM (CST) is committed to the playing of face-to-face bridge at TBC 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 and visitors 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. Ensuring that the mandated social density restrictions are applied throughout the club premises i.e. at least two square metres of space for each person. E.g. a maximum of 177 members and visitors (including Directors, conveners, catering etc) are present in the main playing room at any time, ladies bathroom (19 persons), gents bathroom (9 persons), office (9 persons), kitchen (12 persons), training room (22 persons) etc;
- b. Ensuring all members and visitors observe 1.5 metre social distancing, whenever possible, while within any part of the club premises – with the one exception being while actually playing our sport at the bridge table;
- c. ensuring all members and visitors understand that, by entering the club rooms, they are certifying their compliance with TBC's Health Declaration, they will support all facets of the TBC COVID SAFE PLAN and they have provided all legally required contact details (Name, phone, email address) either through TBC's Pianola Membership Database or filling out their details in the provided Attendance Book for Visitors;
- d. retaining completed members' and visitors' attendance records e.g. through Bridgemate / Compscore for the legally mandated period of 56 days;
- e. ensuring members and visitors proceed directly to the washing /sanitizing facility immediately upon entry.

3. The Club Rooms:

- a. Setting air conditioning to maximum inflow of external air at all sessions.

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 coupons prior to the session start;
- b. The partner of the session Director will undertake this task at each table prior to the start of play (unless alternative arrangements have been agreed for specific sessions)

6. Bridgemate:

- a. Providing sanitizing wipes to be used to disinfect Bridgemates before and after each session;
- b. Wiping used Bridgemates at the beginning of each session with a sanitizing wipe and storing them in the appropriate Bridgemate trolley.

7. Bidding:

- a. Ensuring that sufficient bidding slips for each session are provided at each table;
- b. Ensuring that used 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 facilities immediately before leaving the club rooms – preferably before leaving the table.

Critical Information:

1. General health:

- a. COVID-19 is a new disease, so there is no existing immunity in the Australian community. This means that COVID-19 could & does spread widely and quickly;
- b. It remains unclear whether good, sustained immunity is gained by those who recover from COVID-19 infection;
- c. 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;
- d. Infected people can spread virus for up to 48 hours before showing any symptoms themselves;
- e. 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;
- f. 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;
- g. Masks worn by infected people reduce the spread to others;
- h. A series of waves 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 should not attend 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. If you choose to use your own sanitizer, you must ensure it complies with covid safe requirements;
- 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 restrictions applied to TBC as an 'Indoor Sport' venue, a social density of 2 square metres must be allowed/person and social distancing of 1.5 metres allowed between members when they are not actually playing our sport at the bridge table;
- b. Given our clubrooms' internal dimensions, we will restrict entrance at any point in time to a maximum of 177 members / session into our main playing room, ladies bathroom (19 persons), gents bathroom (9 persons), office (9 persons), kitchen (12 persons), training room (22 persons) etc;
- c. Thorough cleaning in compliance with COVID SAFE standards is critical to ensure all surfaces that may be touched by members are completely sanitized. Our separate

COVID CLEANING PLAN is separately documented. Professional cleaners are utilized extensively by the club on a daily basis.

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.

5. Payment of entry fees:

- a. The plastic voucher collection container will be sanitized before and after each session;
- b. Handling of coupons/vouchers presents many opportunities for infection. If members individually deposit vouchers (only) directly into the provided container, the risk will be minimised. TBC is a cashless organisation.

6. Bridgemate:

- a. The Scorer will collect the Bridgemate from the Bridgemate storage rack at the beginning of the session and sanitize it.

7. Bidding:

- a. Players who wish to save bidding slips to take home must take a copy;
- b. At the end of session, the designated bidding slip operator discards all the slips from the session into the appropriate rubbish bin.