

Covid-safe face to face play in 2021

Bendigo Bridge Club is committed to providing a Covid-safe environment, compliant with current government regulations, in which its members can again enjoy playing bridge face-to-face.

To that end, club members wishing to resume playing face-to-face bridge should read the following notes carefully and follow the instructions they contain.

Members should also note that the Covid management situation is dynamic. Government regulations can change at short notice. Please keep a close eye on the Alert page on the club web site for the latest information.

1) Before you play

- To ensure the safety of your fellow club members please do not attend any face-to-face club session or event if:
 - You are feeling unwell, or
 - In in the last 14 days, you have experienced any of the danger symptoms specified on the DHHS website, or
 - You have returned from overseas within the last 14 days, or
 - You have visited any officially declared hot-spots in Australia within the last 14 days.
- Player numbers will be limited. Until further notice, players will be required to book to play in a particular session. The club's new website has a booking facility. Please make sure you, or your partner, uses it to secure your seats. See below section **5) Bookings** for details on how to do this.
- To allow for Covid-safety procedures, please plan to arrive at the session 10-15 minutes before the advertised start of play. Entrance doors will be closed 10 minutes before play.
- The club will not be providing light refreshments and the kitchen cannot be used. Please bring your own water or other drink with you.
- Please bring exact cash for table fees. We will not be giving change - you will be given a credit towards future table fees for any excess payment.
- Use of the venue's heating and cooling may be constrained by regulation. Please dress for the ambient conditions. Consider 'layering' and, in cold weather, bring extra warm wear.
- Bring your own writing implement, preferably a broad-head texta pen.
- **Masks!** Bring your own Covid-safe face mask. (It is mandatory to carry a mask at all times when out of your home)
- Until further notice, play will be restricted to club members. Please do not invite guest players to be your partner.

2) When at a Club session or event

It is a condition of entry that players adhere to the following requirements during their visit to BBC sessions and events.

- You and your partner must have booked to play at this session.
- You must provide your name and contact details to support contact tracing. This information will be stored in conformity with relevant privacy law requirements.
- On arrival, we will test your body temperature using a contactless thermometer. Players recording an out-of-range reading will not be permitted to play.
- **Masks:** It is unlikely that players will be able to maintain 1.5m distancing throughout a session. Under these circumstances, the contemporary DHHS regulations regarding the wearing of masks at indoor meetings will be enforced. Currently, DHSS require that a mask must be worn (unless you have a medical condition that exempts you from this requirement)
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided at the entrance on arrival

- Please try to maintain 1.5m social distancing by keeping at least that space between you and other players when not seated at table. Avoid entering a space if it is not possible to safely distance yourself.
- If you need to cough or sneeze, please do so into your elbow or a tissue – and place the tissue in a rubbish bin.
- Wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds when using the toilet.
- Please try to avoid touching surfaces unnecessarily

3) Playing conditions

While Covid safe restrictions remain in force modified playing conditions will be enforced for BBC sessions. Please read and note the following in preparation.

- Tables will be arranged to ensure DHHS and venue social distancing requirements are met.
- Sessions will not include a refreshment break. Instead, an extra 1 minute per board will be added to playing time to allow players to fit ad hoc comfort breaks into their play. Please time your break(s) to avoid holding up play.
- When seated at table sit as far back from the table as is practical and consistent with bidding and playing your hand.
- Each table will have a hand sanitizer available. Please use the sanitizer before picking up your cards at start of play for each board.
- Bridgemates will be handled exclusively by South. After entering a score, South must carefully and deliberately show the result to East. East must scrutinise the entry carefully, and indicate clearly either their assent to or disagreement with the result as recorded without touching the Bridgemate. Only South is authorised to make any necessary adjustments and complete the entry.

4) Other Measures

- At the end of the session chairs, tables and Bridgemates must be sanitised and wiped down before storage,
- The club will inform members of any new (or dropped) conditions as they arise.

5) Bookings

- From new BBC website Home page, click on 'Membership' to log in to the system.
- In the Member Login panel enter either your email address or your ABF number, then enter your password, and click on 'Login'.
- The 'Find a Partner' panel is displayed. In the 'Find a Partner/ Book an Event' section scroll down to the event for which you wish to make a booking.
- To book seats for you and your partner, click on the tick box in the PL (Playing) column and enter your partner's name in the 'Partner/Note/System/Direction' box. (Do not enter your own name, the system will automatically supply that). Click the 'Confirm' button. You and your partners' names will appear in the 'Current Request / Bookings' column.
- To cancel a booking, scroll to the booked event and click on the 'NP'(Not Playing) tick box. (If you have booked to play in an event and you find that you cannot play, please cancel your booking asap).
- To make a booking when you don't yet have a partner, scroll to the relevant event and click on the 'PR' (Partner Required) tick box. Your name and phone number will be listed in the 'Partner/Note/System/Direction' box. Another player may offer to partner you and you can complete the booking.