

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 play 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.

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 (eg if you have a cold) or
 - 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
- Player numbers will be limited. Until further notice, players will need to book to play in a particular session. The club's website has a booking facility. Please make sure you, or your partner, uses it to secure your seats. See **Bookings** (below) 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.¹
- 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 regulations. 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!** It is mandatory to carry a mask at all times when you are out of your home. Please bring your own Covid-safe face mask.²
- Until further notice, play will be restricted to club members and member's guests. Members who invite a guest to play must ensure that their guest understands and is compliant with all our Covid-safety requirements as outlined in this document.
- Under current circumstances we cannot accommodate visitors.

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/registered to play at this session.
- You must provide your name and contact details to support contract tracing. This information will be stored in conformity with relevant privacy law requirements. QR code registration is

¹ Although the kitchen is closed it can be accessed to obtain tap water. The club has paper cups that can be used by members who forget to bring their own beverages.

² The club has a limited supply of disposable face masks for use by members who forget to bring their own mask. If you need to use one, please take it with you and dispose of it at home.

available in the foyer. Club members will be on hand to help register members who do not have a mobile phone.

- 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:** With effect from 11.59 pm on Friday 26 March, DHHS regulations regarding the wearing of masks at indoor meetings were relaxed to the point where the LGCC Management Committee could rule that they no longer require masks to be worn within the building. Accordingly, our Committee has resolved that, with effect from our Monday 29 March session...
YOU DO NOT NEED TO WEAR A MASK DURING PLAY.
You may choose to wear a mask if you wish. Other players' decisions to wear or not to wear a mask must be respected without objection.
- 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 bin.
- Wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds when using the toilet.
- Please try to avoid touching surfaces unnecessarily

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. When the score has been entered by South, the Bridgemate must be carefully and deliberately shown 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.

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) considerations as they arise.

Bookings

- From the 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. Your partnership's 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.