

GUIDELINES FOR PLAYERS

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You MUST read these notes before attending. They explain our protocols. They are for your safety and for the safety of other players.

1. Members attending do so at their own risk. We hope to be able to relax some of these protocols in line with national guidelines, but in the short term the safety of all members is paramount.
2. Only fully vaccinated members will be allowed to play. You must bring your Covid vaccination certificate/certificate of recovery with you (electronic or paper acceptable).
3. Members must allow Captain or their delegate to verify that the certificate relates to holder.
4. Players may opt to provide MRBC with written permission (form supplied) to retain record of vaccination. Players not so opting, will be required to show vaccination/recovery certificate each time they arrive to play.
5. Players must pre-register on the website at least 48 hours before the start of the competition. Currently a maximum of 36 players will be permitted at each competition. Players not pre-registered or who cannot show evidence of vaccination will not be admitted.
6. Under no circumstances must players come to the club if they have a temperature or are showing any of the Covid-19 symptoms such as a cough, headache or loss of smell. Players can de-register on the website.
7. Players should note that because of ventilation protocols, the club may not be as warm as usual and you may wish to wear additional clothing.
8. The bar will not be open so players may wish to bring one bottle of water with them.
9. Players must bring a credit/debit card that they can tap to pay their table money.
10. While not mandatory, players are advised to wear a mask or visor to enter the club and during play. Members must observe the normal personal distancing protocols both outside and inside the club at all times.
11. Players must sanitise their hands properly on arrival. If you need to touch your face, hair etc or blow your nose at any time you must immediately sanitise your hands. Sanitiser is provided on each table. Please leave it there at the end of the evening.
12. On arrival, players will be directed as to where to hang coats and where to sit. Table money will be collected electronically at the table.
13. Players should then proceed directly to their allotted table to avoid congregating.
14. Players may sanitise their chairs if they wish. Boards and cards will be touched by other players so it is in your interest to sanitise your hands often. Members may bring their own sanitiser and/or wipes.
15. At the end of each round, E/W should remain in their seats until directed by the Captain. Everybody must then move at the same time in a distanced manner and take their bidding boxes with them. Players may bring own bidding boxes to the club. Players may sanitise their new seat if they wish.
16. Declarer must instruct Dummy to play cards as required and not play cards directly from table.
17. Apart from moving between rounds, players may only leave their seats to use the toilets or to get their coat if cold. Players must not hang coats on the backs of chairs. You must sanitise your hands upon return to the table.
18. Bridgmates will be sanitised by captains/deputies before play. Thereafter only Norths may touch the bridgmates. After each board North will show the information to East or West before confirming on their behalf.
19. At the end of the evening, please leave one table at a time as directed by the Captain and in a properly distanced manner. Leave bridgmates on the table. Do not go to a screen to see the results, check on the website later. Only Captains/deputies may touch the computer or bridge items not on the tables. Collect coats and bags as quickly as possible.
20. If you wish to chat to other players at the end, please do this outside the clubhouse.