

Newbury Bridge Club

Protocol on Covid-19 precautions and face-to-face Club Sessions Updated 5 February 2022.

We are delighted to welcome you back to face-to-face sessions from 8th February. The club committee has considered the potential risks of face-to-face bridge and has developed this protocol to reduce the risk of members and visitors contracting or spreading Covid-19 infection. Thanks to Hungerford Bridge Club for their assistance. These precautions will be reviewed regularly and amended as necessary.

Before Club Nights:

1. Limiting the number of tables/players: To ensure extra personal space for social distancing, we may need to limit the number of tables at club sessions.
2. Booking System: Whilst this table limit is in place, we are using the Booking System on our website for all session, normally available two weeks in advance.
3. Personal Covid status: We expect all players to have received a full course of Covid jabs including booster(s) where applicable (unless medically exempt) and ask all members to do a Lateral Flow Test and ensure it is negative prior to attending.
4. The club will provide hand sanitising gel to use as necessary, though members may prefer to bring their own. No refreshments will be provided at Chieveley or Highclere, so members may want to bring their own.
5. **Stay away if unwell!** No player should attend if (s)he has any symptom that could be suggestive of Covid infection (fever, new continuous cough, sore throat or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste).

During sessions:

6. Social distancing and Face coverings: Players (members and visitors) are encouraged to be mindful of the ongoing importance of social distancing throughout premises. The wearing of face coverings is not obligatory.
7. Hand hygiene and personal care: All players should be mindful of the possible risk of potentially contaminated surfaces (Bidding Boxes, Bridgemates, Playing-cards, furniture, door handles etc). Everyone should avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth whilst playing bridge. Players are encouraged to hand sanitise on arrival, and as necessary afterwards. We will run Mitchell movements when practical so as to minimise table switching.
8. Table Money: The £2 table money for Deanwood and Chieveley will be invoiced monthly.

After attending a session:

9. Notifying any illness: Any player who becomes unwell with Covid symptoms within seven days of playing in a sessions should **advise a Bridge Club Committee Member immediately.**