

Olicana Bridge Club
Update to Reopening Guidelines December 2021

The Committee is pleased that members are now able to play in the club and has updated the measures to keep you safe. We want people to feel confident about playing at the club and appreciate your support in observing these measures which will be reviewed periodically.

These guidelines apply to members and visitors to the club, including teams visiting as part of the Yorkshire League.

Playing

Please do not play if you are feeling unwell, should be self-isolating or in quarantine or had a positive Covid test in the last 10 days.

The Committee has decided to require all players at f2f sessions to be double vaccinated against Covid19 (unless they have a medical exemption) and this will also apply to any visiting teams for Yorkshire League matches. When players' details are entered onto the Bridgemates they will be confirming that: -

- They are double vaccinated against Covid19 (or have a medical exemption)
- They have not had a positive Covid19 test in the last 10 days
- They should not be self-isolating
- They should not be in quarantine.

On 8th December 2021, the UK government updated the rules on face coverings in public places. The EBU has recommended that bridge clubs should follow these rules, which require that masks are worn in members and social clubs. Therefore, it is now mandatory for people to wear masks in Olicana Bridge Club. Some masks may be available in the kitchen, but please provide your own and do not rely on the club providing one. See the government website for circumstances where people may not be able to wear a face covering.

For Tuesday and Thursday evening sessions in the club, players must book into the session. To do this, go to the Olicana website, click on the Members Area option in the left hand menu and log in. Find the session you want to join and click the box under the column headed "PL". Add your partner's name and optionally choose a direction. Then click the Confirm button towards the top left of the screen. Please book in at least 2 hours before the start of the session. We will continue to use the booking system for these sessions until there is a larger regular attendance.

For Monday and Friday afternoon sessions, booking is not required.

For Stepping Stones, on the 1st and 3rd Friday evening, booking is not required.

If you use the NHS App, you can scan a QR code, which can help public health teams with contact tracing. The QR code will be displayed on posters throughout the club.

EW can leave coats in the entry hall; NS should bring them upstairs and keep them at their table. Coats must not be left in the Ladies' toilet.

There will be a maximum of 10 tables; 4 in each of the front rooms and 2 in the back.

Please stay at your table as much as possible. Please be sensible regarding toilet queues. Only the Scorer and TD in the office. The kitchen is closed. You are free to bring your own refreshments but won't be able to use the kitchen. There will not be a break for refreshments.

Payment will continue to be collected by invoice every 2 months. Table money is consistent online and in the club.

Visitors must enter their details in the Visitor Register each time they play.

North is responsible for the Bridgemate and should be the only person touching it. We will in general stick to Mitchell movements. As usual, at the beginning of the round, North should check the correct players are at the table. If you have forgotten your Bridgemate number, ask the TD to find it for you.

At the end of the session, please close the bidding cards in the bidding box, wipe it and leave it at the table. Also leave boards on the table. EW should carry their box with them through the movement. When leaving, players should avoid a crush of people. Note that the result will not be shown on the screens but will be available on the club website.

The TD has the Committee's authority to ask players to leave if there is a question of the player being ill.

If you have been playing online, you will be used to a board being played at every table at the same time. In the club, a hand is not played at all tables until the end of the last round. Please don't discuss hands until the end of the session.

Hygiene

Use sanitiser and wipes and wash your hands. Don't touch your face.

The club will be cleaned daily.

Yorkshire League

For visiting teams to the club for the Yorkshire League matches our Covid guidelines apply which means our kitchen is currently closed. Visiting teams will need to either bring their own food and drinks, pick up from local supermarkets or alternatively lunch away from the club in one of the many cafes/restaurants in Ilkley.

Members of visiting teams must enter their details in the Visitor Register.

For club members travelling to away matches it is up to individuals for car sharing and wearing face masks in cars.

Ventilation

We consulted the company providing our heating and ventilation system and have been advised that our ventilation system will provide suitable change of air.

Following recommendation, we will run the system to refresh the air for half an hour before and after a session. If we do this, it is not necessary to open the windows. However, some players may be more comfortable with the windows open, so please dress appropriately.

Safety

Please make yourself familiar with the Fire Safety and Building Evacuation procedure which is displayed in the club and on the website (open the Health and Safety policy from the lower left of the website).

We are looking forward to welcoming members back to face to face bridge in the club. Please remember that no premises can guarantee to be Covid free so in the end members have to take their own individual decisions. Please keep your safety and the safety of other players top of your mind.