

2021 BOTE Reopening Protocols (Revision4)

Objective

The objective of these protocols is to resume face to face duplicate bridge play at BOTE without compromising the health or safety of our members and staff.

Committees to ReOpen (CRO1, CRO2)

We have formed two committees. CRO1 will oversee the reopening plan and maintain liaison with the Department of Health. CRO2 will plan and implement the operational site protocols necessary to provide a safe, protective environment at the Swilers' club as we gradually reopen.

Our Club will follow the reopening guidelines developed by CRO1, in consultation with the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Health and the ACBL recommended operational guidelines and best practices for the reopening of bridge clubs in North America.

The Clubhouse

- Prior to reopening and before and after each game the club will be cleaned and disinfected; the playing area & playing surfaces will be sanitized.
- The room will be ventilated, as much as possible, before, after and during games if weather permits.
- BOTE has purchased two Air Purifiers/HEPA filters for use in the building, these will remove impurities and improve the air quality in the playing area.

Players

- Anyone with flu-like symptoms cannot come to the club.
- Players must have received both COVID vaccinations two weeks prior to playing at the club. This will be checked by CRO2. If you wish to use the NL Vaccine Pass we can check it at the door.
- Masks are optional at the club. Players are asked to wear them if their opponents request it.
- Members will sanitize their hands on entering the club and maintain social distancing as required. Additional handwashing/sanitization should be done throughout the game.
- Club members must accept personal responsibility for their own safety by signing and returning our waiver before playing at the club. This can be found on our website and collected by CRO2.

Pre-Game

- Pre-booking for games will be online on our website. A limited number of tables will be available and bookings will be accepted on a first come basis.
- Before a member's first game an email will be sent reminding them of their personal responsibilities during the game.
- Seat assignments will be given as you arrive.
- Convention cards will be on the table
- Pens and pencils will not be provided, bring your own and take them with you when you leave.
- The Director will ensure that the spacing between each table is at least 6 feet.

During the Game

- Table fees will be collected in envelopes. The envelopes will only be reused after one week's 'rest'.

- Players can bring their own personal bidding boxes if they wish. Otherwise each player will be assigned a bidding box for the duration of the game.
- North will be the only player to handle the Bridgemate. Every player will be given the opportunity to see the score before it is entered. East or west will verbally confirm the score is accurate.
- Directors will schedule sufficient planned breaks to allow players to use the bathrooms, allow time for hand washing or grabbing some fresh air.
- No communal food or beverage items are to be brought to the club or shared; no food items can be consumed during play at the table.

Following the game

- Results will be announced by the Director and posted online.
- Players should leave the building promptly.
- Surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned/disinfected following play.
- All equipment used for play (boards, club bidding boxes, Bridgemates) will be sanitized at the end of each play session and, in any case, prior to any new session.

Additional precautions

- CRO2 will ensure hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water are readily available to players.
- CRO2 will be responsible for a schedule to clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces, (doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.)
- Sets of playing cards will be left dormant between use for as long as possible.
- No kibitzer or visitors will be allowed until further notice.

This information is based on the current recommendations of public health experts and is subject to change. We encourage everyone to follow all of our local health department guidelines for safeguarding your own health and that of others.

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