

New Government Rules about Social Distancing

Dear Club/County Official

The [government has just announced](#) that starting on Monday 14th September, social gatherings of more than six people will be illegal in England. Although there will be some exceptions to this, none seem to cover the situation of any bridge clubs.

This removes any doubt there may have been in our [earlier advice](#) to clubs about whether clubs can run any face-to-face games, and makes clear that this will not be possible until such time as further changes or clarifications to the rules may be announced. If suitable changes do emerge in the future and a club wishes to consider re-opening, it will still be essential to follow our earlier advice about completing a thorough Risk Assessment Form ([Word](#) or [PDF](#)) and complying with all remaining social distancing rules. The [age and health-vulnerability](#) or risk-status of club members will also need to be taken into account when making any such future plans.

We have been making decisions for our own EBU congresses and competitions on a monthly basis, for the forthcoming three-month period. We have cancelled all such events until the end of November and will review December at the end of this month. If we feel able to hold a face-to-face Year End Congress in London, then we will also hold an online congress at the same time for all those who can't or don't want to come to the London congress. We will not hold a live Northern Year End Congress.

Kind Regards

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