

## **Wallingford Bridge Club**

### **Covid-Related Guidelines for Face-to-Face (F2F) Sessions**

*The club has carried out a risk assessment for re-opening which has resulted in the guidelines listed below. However, there is no such thing as 'zero risk' with Covid, so only attend the F2F sessions if you are comfortable with these.*

#### **Attendance Conditions and Personal Precautions**

Please **do not** attend a F2F club session if you, or anyone with whom you have been in close contact, has possible Covid symptoms including a cold or cough, or has recently tested positive for Covid.

It is expected that all players will be fully vaccinated and children will not be allowed to mix in adult bridge sessions.

Masks are not obligatory but may be worn if you wish.

Contact-free hand sanitisers are now mounted on the walls either side of the front door, but players are also encouraged to bring personal sanitisers which they can use before each round to minimise the chance of contamination of bidding boxes or playing cards (note: medical authorities have now established that the chance of Covid transmission by physical objects is very small, the vast bulk of infections are airborne).

#### **F2F Session Booking**

To further reduce any chance of infection, in future the club will only accept online payments. (Members who are unable to do this might ask their partner to pay for them). F2F players must book in advance using the 'Bookwhen' system no later than 2 hours before the session starts, which will allow time for the director to contact people if F2F play has to be cancelled due to insufficient table numbers. In the event of cancellation, the event (and F2F registrations if players request it) will default to an online-only session. Players booking for Online sessions in the normal way should do so no later than 10 minutes before the start time

#### **Precautions in The Club**

The club is cleaned twice a week and dirty crockery and cutlery are washed in a dishwasher after every session.

Please observe 'common sense' social distancing guidelines as far as is practical and avoid congestion, especially at 'pinch points' eg the kitchen, washrooms and passageway. The kitchen will be available but players are free to bring their own drink if they prefer (eg a thermos).

Ventilation (ie windows and doors) will be maximised as far as the weather will allow and the central heating can be used to offset open windows if necessary. Use of the hall wall-mounted fan heaters is not recommended.

Table spacing will be maximised and is not expected to be a problem as the club has capacity for up to 24 tables, but the situation will be monitored to ensure there is no overcrowding.

Boards should be handled and moved to the next table at the end of the round only by Norths. Players should extract their cards with a minimum of contact only on the side of the board containing their hand.

Similarly, Bridgemates should only be handled only by Norths, with visual confirmation of scores by East or West.

A reminder to please sanitise your hands before the start of each round, which will minimise any chance of infection via physical transmission.