

BRISBANE BRIDGE CENTRE INC

RETURN TO PLAY PLAN

The Brisbane Bridge Centre Inc. is a community bridge club. There has been some uncertainty as to whether bridge clubs are classified as business, activity or sport. Therefore, BBC has referred to both documents ***Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction (No 3)/Queensland Health*** and ***Restrictions for Sport, Recreation, and fitness organizations/Queensland Government*** in preparing this document.

It has since been clarified that bridge is classified as an Indoor Sport and our protocols have been amended to follow the ***Indoor Sports Group - Industry Covid Safe Plan***

Other reference documents include:

- ***3 Step Framework for a Covid Safe Australia/Australian Government***
- ***Roadmap to Easing Queensland's Restrictions/ Queensland Government***
- ***Return to Play- Guide for Queensland Sport/ Queensland Government***

Please note that in this Return to Play Plan the term, *Member* or *Members*, refers to those who have paid current membership of the Brisbane Bridge Centre Inc. plus those who have paid to participate in lessons but have yet to become full members.

This Return to Play Plan is included in documentation being provided to the Brisbane City Council, from whom we lease the Bridge Club premises

1. Preamble

From Stage 5 official information the following applies for occupant density:

- no more than one person per 2m²

Additionally, people should observe physical distancing to the extent possible

Page 19 of the Return to Play-Guide for Queensland Sport further states that from Stage 3 Indoor Sport, including team, individual, contact and non-contact activities that **standard activity is permitted**.

Bridge is definitely a non-contact activity.

The Department of Sport has defined the “**field of play**” for Bridge as the **playing area**.

Standard “on the field” activity for duplicate bridge consists of 4 players sitting and playing bridge at each of a number of bridge tables which are 75cm x 75cm. The number of tables depends on the number of players. There are a certain number of rounds and, at the end of each round, players move to a different table. Players sitting opposite each other are approximately 1.45m apart.

2. Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing will be met to the extent possible to undertake this competition activity.
- The downstairs playing area just over 150m² which allows for 75 people. This will allow for 72 players playing on 18 tables (72), a sit-out pair and 1 non-playing director.
- At maximum capacity, any sit-out pair will be required to move off the playing area to socially distance either outside or in the library space.
- Four (4) players will sit & play at each table for approximately 19 to 24 minutes and then move to the next table. This is physical distancing to the extent possible to undertake the standard activity for duplicate bridge.
- To further ensure physical distancing to the extent possible tables will be set a minimum of 2.2m apart in the NS direction and 1.6m apart in the EW direction
- There will be a sign at the club entrance indicating entry prohibited if unwell and that the Brisbane Bridge Centre has the right to refuse entry if a person exhibits such symptoms.

- There will be an exclusive entry door to the club at the front of the building. Players will exit via the sliding door in the downstairs playing and via the back door in the upstairs playing area.
- Only coupons will be accepted from members for table fees. Players will write their name on the back of the coupon and place it in the envelope provided at the table. Non-members are to have the exact amount of table fees. No change will be given. Players must sanitize their hands before & after depositing their coupon or cash.
- Players will be encouraged to use bank transfer to purchase new coupon books. They will give their confirmation of transfer to the Director. The director will sanitize hands before distributing the coupon books. If cash is used players will need to have the exact amount of \$65.00 in an envelope with their name. No change will be given. Players must sanitize their hands after receiving coupons.

3. **Keeping People Healthy**

- The protocol setting out “Procedures Required for Entry to and Bridge Play at the Brisbane Bridge Centre” is available to all members.
- That document encourages members to download the Covid Safe App
- All players, at each entry to the club, will be required to read and answer the Health Questionnaire included. If their response to any question is **YES** they will be denied entry to the club.
- A sanitizing station will be set up at entry with compulsory use by everyone.
- After completion of entry protocols, players will be required to wash their hands with soap and water with drying using paper towel. Posters will be displayed showing the correct covid method of hand washing and hand sanitizing.
- Sanitizing dispensers will be available on each playing table and must be used at the conclusion of each playing round.
- At regular intervals, players will be required to sanitize the table and the chairs.
- There will be posters displayed in the playing area reminding players of the risks of Covid-19
- Air conditioning will not operate unless absolutely necessary for player well-being. Doors will remain open for fresh air. Players should arrive suitably dressed for the weather.
- The Director will keep a list of all players in attendance for contact tracing purposes. Non members will be required to provide their contact details on the form provided.

4. **Wellbeing of Volunteers/Workers, Coaches, Officials etc etc**

- The only people in the club house will be the players for that session and the Director for that session. The Club Administrator will work in an office separate from the playing area.

5. **Bathrooms, Hygiene and Cleaning**

The Club’s “Covid-19 Brisbane Bridge Centre Entry Protocol for Queensland Stage 3 Easing of Restrictions” covers the hygiene and cleaning arrangements that will apply. The following points provide more detail.

- Hand sanitizing and temperature checks on entry.
- Hand sanitizing after each round of play
- Sanitizing of table and chairs on a regular basis
- Players must bring and use their own pencil or ball point pen for recording their bids.
- Director will sanitize the bridgemates before and after play.
- The Bridgemate scoring tablet will only be used by one player at each table.
- Cups and glasses will be available for members. These will be dishwasher cleaned after use.
- Entry to the club kitchen will be prohibited to all members except those who have completed the TAFE Covid Safe Work Training for Dining In Certificate
- Hot water will be available from the urn. Cold water & glasses will be available at the drinking fountain.
- Entry to the bathrooms/toilets is limited to a maximum of 4 persons at any one time. No other formal restrictions will apply in the bathrooms/toilets. However, it is paramount that physical distancing and cleansing procedures take place. To minimize hand contact members will be asked to leave toilet lids up

and the doors to the ladies' and gents' toilets will be chocked open during session times. Bathroom lights are sensor operated.

- The clubrooms will be professionally cleaned regularly including attention to touchpoint cleaning

6. Deliveries, Contractors and Visitors

- No deliveries, or contractors will be present during a playing session.
- General cleaning of the club will be undertaken by our contract cleaner at a time when no other members are present.
- Other preparation for playing sessions will only be undertaken by club members who are required to sanitize and wash their hands when they enter and sanitize any surfaces or items they touch or handle.

7. Boards & Board Dealing:

- Boards will be dealt in a Covid safe way. The board dealers will wash and sanitize their hands before and after dealing each box of boards.
- Boards will be used for one session of play only.
- Boxes will be rotated so that boards are only played once every two weeks

8. Food and Beverage Services

- Tea, coffee and a biscuit will be served by a certificated member before play commences.
- There will be no food and beverage service at other times and the kitchen will be closed.
- Players may bring their own snacks and beverages if required at other times.

9. Library: The library will be closed

10. Record:

- A record will be kept of all persons playing in all face-to-face sessions for the required period of time. BBC has a record of all members' contact details. Non-members will be required to provide their contact details

11. Review and Monitoring:

- The club's Management Committee and individual members of that committee will monitor the overall Covid-related aspect of club operation and will consider suggested improvements.
- Several club members have completed an eLearning course ***Infection Control Training – Covid19.***
- Several members have completed the TAFE COVID Safe Work Training for Dining In Certificate
- The certificated club members will monitor the advice received from Queensland Health and prompt changes to procedures if that is required.

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Update from 16 December 2020

References:

[Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings \(No 3\)](#)

[Restrictions for Sport, recreation and fitness activities](#)

[Return to Play – Guide for Queensland Sport.](#)

[Roadmap to Easing Queensland Restrictions](#)

[3 Step Framework for a Covid Safe Australia](#)

[Indoor Sports Group - Industry Covid Safe Plan](#)