**SA Bridge Federation**

**COVID-SAFE Protocols for the Autumn Nationals**

***The State Government requires that we have both a COVID-Safe Plan and COVID-Safe Protocols. These are our COVID-Safe Protocols, created for your health and safety. Please respect our good fortune in being able to play bridge, and abide by the following:***

**COVID marshals**

We are required to have COVID marshals. If a COVID marshal asks you to comply with one of the Protocols, you must do so.

**Before you come**

All travellers must complete the Cross Border Travel Registration prior to their travel to South Australia. Information on this is available at <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/travel-restrictions>. All businesses, restaurants, accommodation, airports etc require people to sign in using a QR code so it is recommended that interstate players download the mySAGov app before leaving home (interstate apps won’t work).

**When to stay away**

Do not come to the Autumn Nationals if you are not well, or if you are supposed to be isolating or quarantining.

*If you come to play but are not well, you will be sent away.*

**Upon arrival at the venue**

* On arrival, players should either use the hand sanitiser provided or wash their hands thoroughly
* You are required either to sign in using the QR code or to complete the Contact Tracing Register at the entrance.

**Physical distancing**

The State Government requires that there must be no more than 3 people per 4 square metres of space within a venue or enclosed area:

* Players should minimise their time in the entrance area, and not congregate together.
* Tables are 3 m apart. While distancing may be difficult at times, everyone is reminded that it is each person’s responsibility to do their best.
* Please ensure you maintain social distancing requirements at the Scorer’s Desk, in the entrance area and between matches (or rounds).
* Kibitzing may be permitted at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser or the Chief Tournament Director, under conditions specified by the Chief Tournament Director.

**Hand sanitisation**

Sanitiser will be provided on every side table. Players should sanitise their hands upon arrival at a table, on departure and as otherwise required (eg after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing into your hand, or eating).

**At the table**

* Bidding boxes will be used. If you have your own, you are encouraged to bring and use it. You may take the box from the first session with you from the table and use it for the rest of the day, but please make sure you hand it in at the end of the day.
* Pens will be provided (at the table at the start. You should take the pen with you and use it (or your own) for the rest of the event. Additional pens are available from the caddies.
* Only one person (usually South) will touch and operate the Bridgemate. The score should be shown to one of the opponents, with a verbal confirmation provided before acceptance by South.
* Only one person (usually North) will move the boards on and off the table. North should place the boards face-down on the side table after they have been played. The caddies will move the boards between the tables.
* There is to be no eating food of any kind while a hand is being played (from the cards being removed from the board to the cards replaced in the board). You may eat between boards, however all COVID hygiene precautions must be met, in particular hands must be sanitised before any further cards are touched.

**Scoring up (between matches)**

Please move quietly to the break-out area to score up with your team-mates, or go outside.

**Water coolers**

Water coolers will be provided in the playing area and the breakout area. You should sanitise your hands before touching the cups or the cooler.

**Tea and coffee stations**

SA Health has given us permission to provide tea and coffee. We are required to control the number of people using each station, and will do this by assigning people to a particular station by surname. Please follow the instructions on the signs at the stations. You should sanitise your hands before touching anything at the station.

**Face masks**

If you wish to wear a mask, that is your prerogative. All players are expected to respect your decision.

**Sanitisation of equipment**

Bridgemates and bidding boxes will be wiped by caddies after each session.

**Workers**

All workers are encouraged to sanitise their hands at frequent intervals. Masks will be available for those workers who would like to use one.

*Barbara Travis, President SABF*

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