



## 60<sup>TH</sup> GOLD COAST CONGRESS COVID-19 PLAYER SAFETY INFORMATION

- Only fully vaccinated people can attend
- Masks must be worn inside at all times – N95/P2 masks are highly recommended
- Masks must cover both the nose and mouth at all times
- Pens will be issued at the start of the Pairs and start of the Teams and belong to the players who are responsible for carrying their own pens from table to table
- Reminders to regularly wash hands or use hand sanitiser which will be readily available
- Encourage social distancing where possible
- Discourage handshaking and physical greetings
- Attendees must check in daily using the [Check In Qld App](#)
- Only players lined up for the match, operating staff and authorized officers will be able to access the venue. Kibitzers will not be permitted at any time.
- Encourage players to have their own RAT kits available should they need it. Our office will have a limited supply available at cost price
- The playing area is well ventilated
- Information on nearest RAT kit suppliers and Covid testing clinics available at the office

The Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre have Covid Safe Guidelines which may be viewed [here](#).

Should a player feel unwell, they will need to get tested for Covid-19 and stay at home until they receive a negative result. We use two types of tests to detect COVID-19 in Queensland:

- a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) which can be done at home and may also be used at a testing clinic
- a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test which is only used at testing clinics

If the test is positive, they need to advise the GCC Office – Kim Ellaway 0412-064-903 or Tim Runting 0458-448-765. Our office will advise the appropriate players that they need to monitor their health carefully for any symptoms. We will have substitutes available should they be required.

Their **close contacts** will immediately need to quarantine for 7 days from last contact. **Close contacts** will need to get tested with even the mildest of symptoms. Following are three useful links:

When to get tested: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/exposed-to-covid/covid-testing-in-queensland/when-to-get-tested>

Type of Test: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/exposed-to-covid/covid-testing-in-queensland/type-of-test-pcr-or-rat>

Close Contacts: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/exposed-to-covid/close-contacts>

Staying Covid Safe is a shared responsibility and we expect that players will take all the necessary precautions. Thank you for your part in keeping us all safe.

Tim Runting – Tournament Organiser and Kim Ellaway - Manager