

Maleny Contract Bridge Club

Covid-19 Health Protocols for Queensland Stages 2 and 3 Easing of Restrictions.

Procedures Required for Entry to, and Bridge Play, at Maleny Contract Bridge Club until Further Notice

1. **Covid-Safe app:** Queensland Health guidelines recommend the Covid- Safe app is downloaded to your smartphone and the Club encourages all members to comply.
2. **Initial Entry:** Registered members only should arrive at the club no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Members must bring their own pencil/ball-point pen.
3. **Number of Players Allowed:** Under the current Stage 2 Easing of Restrictions, the maximum number of members allowed in the club room will be twenty (20). As of the 10th July, the proposed maximum number will increase to 100.
4. **Personal Health Declaration:** Subject to the entry requirements posted on the door, and a temperature check (see item 5), you may enter the Club premises. Please sign the personal Health Declaration Form -you will only need to fill out this form once. If you do not confirm the statements on the Health Declaration you will not be permitted to enter the club. All forms will be retained by the Club as required by Government regulations and may be passed to the relevant Government officials if requested.
5. **Personal Temperature:** Your temperature will be taken on entry. If your temperature is elevated, entry is not permitted.
6. **Payment of Entry Fees:** please deposit session table fees into the cash tin. EXACT MONEY is required.
7. **Initial Hand Wash:** when you have paid, please go to the bathroom and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water as per the Covid-19 protocol. (see posters on the wall) Dry your hands with a paper towel or under the hand dryer.
8. Take your seat at one of the enlarged social distance compliant tables in preparation for the Bridge session. Ensure you have your pen with you.
9. The cards are moved from table to table by “east” as indicated by the Director. The Board containing the cards is held by “east”-each player

removes their cards from the Board, plays the hand then at the conclusion of that hand “east” lifts the board for all to reinsert their cards.

10. **Bridgemate Use:** The designated user of the Bridgemate (usually South) will be the only person to handle the Bridgemate over the course of the session. South will display the result appropriately at the conclusion of each hand so that the opposition can check all scoring. At the conclusion of play the Bridgemate will stay at the table.
11. **Bidding** will be recorded on individual bidding pads.
12. **During Play:** Players must not touch any items not directly associated with play. Please avoid touching your eyes or face. Players must only touch the 13 cards in their hand. No food or drink, apart from your own water bottle, is permitted at the table during play.
13. **End of Round:** At the end of each round, east and west must wipe down their table and the arms of their chair, with the provided detergent solution and a paper towel. All players must sanitise their hands using Hand sanitiser gel, before east and west move to the next table. East then picks up the next set of boards to be played and takes them to the next table east/west is to play at.
14. **The Club Office:** Entry to the office will be restricted to the Director. Any item that is handled or touched in the Office **MUST** be sanitised (using alcohol wipes) by the person who handled or touched that item.
15. **Club Kitchen:** Only the Providores or members trained in the correct procedures for the kitchen may enter the kitchen.
16. **Coffee/Tea Break:** A break will be authorised by the Director mid-session. Members will queue, socially distanced. The club will provide hot water, milk, tea, sugar and coffee. The Providore will serve the tea, coffee from within the kitchen. A rostered on assistant will serve biscuits etc at a separate table using tongs and wearing gloves, placing the biscuit onto a serviette held by the member. Members will then take a socially distanced break either at the table at which they have just been playing or outside on the veranda. Please return any cups and spoons on completion of the break to the trays on the trolley. Nothing is to be left at the playing tables. Those people dispensing tea and coffee will be responsible for sanitising the benches and all other surfaces touched during this activity.
17. **After the Break:** wash your hands as per the protocols.
18. At the conclusion of play east returns the cards to the board box which will be outside the Director’s room. The Boards and Bridgemates will

be sanitised by the Director using the Pure Isopropyl alcohol spray available from the office (a very light spray and wipe down). The Boards in the box will be labelled with the day used and stored for one week.

19. **Duty Roster:** Those members rostered on duty will do a final clean with alcohol wipes of all door handles, taps etc.

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The Maleny Contract Bridge Club wishes to thank the Mackay Contract Bridge Club on whose protocols these documents were based.