



The Queensland Government has recently relaxed a number of the various Covid-19 restrictions for many business and recreational scenarios to take effect from 14 April 2022. As the average age of Australian bridge players is over 70 years, it is clear that there continues to be a significantly high risk of Covid-19 infection in our bridge community similar to that experienced in aged care facilities.

The Queensland Bridge Association [QBA] advises that:

- The Australian Bridge Federation [ABF] has confirmed that, for all of their events, proof of double vaccination will be required. This includes the Barrier Reef Congress, the River City Gold Mixed Pairs and the finals of the GNOT;
- The QBA similarly will require proof of double vaccination for all State championships, QBA events and congresses held under its auspices. In other words, the QBA's existing Covid-19 Vaccination Policy issued on 19 November 2021 will continue to apply. Should a club wish to cancel their gazetted congress because of this requirement and the QBA's continuing Policy, then this can occur without penalty and the resulting space in the calendar may be taken up by any other club in the same zone;
- Bridge clubs in Queensland are not bound by the above, and are free to make their own decisions as to whether they will continue, relax or cancel their existing Covid-19 Vaccination Policy in respect of their club sessions.
- The QBA requires each individual bridge Club in Queensland to notify the QBA in writing of all decisions they make in respect of their existing Covid-19 Vaccination Policy.

It is expected that the above decisions taken by the ABF and the QBA will continue to operate at least until the end of 2022, but will be subject to review at any time as circumstances change.

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