

Yeppoon Bridge Club COVID Plan Revised January 2021

Yeppoon Bridge Club (YBC) has been hiring the Yeppoon Masonic Hall, Barmaryee Road, Yeppoon for its regular playing sessions. We had been inactive from mid-March to December 2020 when we reopened one session per week on Friday mornings from 09.30 to about 12.00. We have now started a second session on Wednesday mornings.

This plan follows the recommendations of Queensland Health and the Queensland Bridge Association.

We will follow the advice of Queensland Health about the wearing of masks. Currently, until 15th April NO MASK NO PLAY.

Number of Players Allowed: Under the current Stage 3 Easing Restrictions, Bridge Clubs come under the “Movement and Gathering Direction” from the Chief Health Officer. The total number of people to attend an activity, training and competition at indoor venues is to be based on occupant density of one person per two square metres for venues of 200 square metres or less (up to a total of 50 people). The Masonic Hall has a floor area of 12x12 m² so in principle we could accommodate 72 people. However, the “playing area” of a bridge table plus four people is about 1.7x1.7 m² and tables need to be positioned to maintain the social distancing of 1.5 m from adjoining tables. This means we will have **a maximum of 9 tables** in 3 rows of 3 and **36 players** as the maximum for any session.

Only Full Members and Associate Members are allowed to play. Regretfully NO VISITORS on QBA advice.

Entering:

- a. you must be a current member or associate member of the Yeppoon Bridge Club;
- b. you will arrive at the club no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start time (9.15 am);
- c. you will queue, if necessary, displaying correct distancing outside the front door;
- d. entry will be only by the front door only.
- e. Temperatures will be taken, and anyone with an elevated temperature will not be admitted. They should consult their doctor.
- f. you must declare
 - that you do not have any COVID-19 symptoms
 - that you have not been in contact with someone who has tested positive
 - that you have not been overseas in the last 14 days
- g. you will complete a 20 second hand scrubbing or sanitizing on entry, sanitizing of your hands at the end of each round, after visiting the bathroom, anytime you leave the table, eating etc;
- h. **you will bring your own pen,**
- i. bring your own cup, teaspoon, refreshments, water container/glass etc for your own personal use – and will take all your own property home with you at the session end.

- j. you will use appropriate hygiene when coughing or sneezing. If you must cough or sneeze, you will endeavour to do so into your elbow or a tissue which you will take home with you.
- k. **YOU WILL SUPPLY YOUR OWN PERSONAL HAND SANITIZER SOLUTION**

In the Hall

Bridge players are not permitted to enter the lodge room and touch the lodge equipment and furniture, unless they have a prior standing agreement to specifically use the lodge room.

The kitchen is now operational all surfaces must be wiped down by the last users

Whilst in the hall bridge players

- a. will observe the social distancing requirements and keep 1.5m from other members whenever possible;
- b. will be mindful of and comply with all notices detailing requirements, e.g. maximum number of people simultaneously in the toilets, office, etc;

The table:

The table is the “playing area” and the 1.5 m rule is not applied, normal-sized tables can be used. But players at one table should be 1,5 m from adjacent tables.

Michell and Howell movements are both allowed. Boars to be moved as directed.

- a. on entry you will go directly to a seat. Place your personal belongings on or near the side table.
- b. Provide session table fees in cash or yellow tickets exact change if possible.
- c. wipe system card with sanitiser wipe and place on table - then place wipe immediately into designated rubbish bin.
 - a. north / south will solely operate the Bridgemate and position the bidding slips; north / south will decide between them who is doing what.
 - b. east/west will wipe the table chairs and side tables with sanitiser wipes before moving to the next table – then immediately place used wipes in the designated rubbish bin.
 - c. after wiping with sanitiser wipe South will distribute the played boards to the next lower numbered table.
 - d. Ensure all wipe materials are placed in the designated rubbish bin.
 - e. all players will sanitize their hands after the new East / West players are seated and South players are re-seated after the boards are collected and received;
 - f. all players should actively contribute to a culture of players NOT touching their faces etc during play;

Refreshments

- a. All crockery, cups, plates, glasses belonging to the Club, are out of bounds and must not be accessed.
- b. Limit of two persons in the Kitchen at any one time
- c. please bring your own cup, water container/glass and a teaspoon if required, and come prepared to take your dirty items home with you.
- d. the club will provide cold water for glasses only, single serve milk, tea, sugar, and coffee. The hot water dispenser in the kitchen is now in use
- e. no food will be provided by the Club. Please bring any snacks you may require, and consume at the table

- f. members will queue, socially distanced, to make coffee and tea or get cold water. Then take drink back to the table.
- g. all items touched during this process must be sanitised on completion of the activity by that person – ie tap. Wipe to be disposed of in designated rubbish bin.
- h. please return any cups, spoons, or other personal items to your belongings when finished – except water containers.
- i. Leave nothing at the table.

Bidding:

- a. South will hold the board firm on the table as the others pick up their cards with minimal touching of the board itself;
- b. players must only touch the 13 cards associated with their hand;
- c. south will be the designated player controlling the bidding slips;
- d. you will minimise touching of the bidding slips unless you are the designated player at the table;
- e. South will remove and keep the used slip at the end of each board;
- f. at the end of play South will discard all used bidding slips in the appropriate 'paper only' bin near the front door.

Leaving the club rooms:

Players may exit through either door. Keep social distancing from anyone entering'

- a. double check that anything you have handled during the session has been sanitised prior to leaving the premises this includes table and side tables;
- b. Tables may be left standing after the Wednesday session so long as the Mason's do not need the hall on Thursday. On Friday tables and chairs to be stacked after wiping down
- c. assist if requested to close windows and wipe all areas touched in doing so
- d. will assist if requested with the wiping of touch surfaces e.g. door handles, benches, taps, light and fan switches
- e. bridgemates server and computer to be wiped down and stored
- f. boards to be stored for 1 week before re-use
- g. collect all your personal belongings;
- h. all players will wash / sanitize their hands before leaving the club rooms;
- i. all players will vacate the room and not congregate at end of play

Community organisations must have a documented COVID-19 safe plan submitted to the leaser prior to using the building.

The building will be covid cleaned to government regulations after play.