

# Victorian Bridge Association Ltd

## **Covid-Safe Protocols for the Victor Champion Cup bridge events:**

**These are our COVID-Safe Protocols, created for your health and safety. Please respect our good fortune in being able to play face-to-face bridge, and abide by the following:**

### **When to stay away**

Do not come to the VCC 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 asked to leave the premises.* If you start feeling unwell with Covid-19 symptoms during the day, please ask for a RAT.

### **Upon arrival at the venue**

- On arrival, players should use the hand sanitiser provided.
- On entry on to the venue you may be required to provide proof of vaccination status if exhibiting symptoms.

### **Physical distancing**

- Players should not congregate together unduly.
- 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.
- 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 is provided throughout the venue. Players should sanitise their hands regularly and as otherwise required (e.g. after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing into your hand, or eating).

### **Masks**

Masks are no longer mandatory for bridge in Victoria. However, if players wish to wear masks that is their prerogative and we expect all players to respect the decision of fellow competitors.

However, please carry an approved mask with you at all times. This is because, if both members of a partnership are wearing masks and one or both of them advise they are immuno-compromised, they may ask you also to wear a mask for that particular match. You will be required to cooperate and respect their health needs. This will be the only time when the wearing of masks would be 'enforced'.

### **At the table**

- Bidding will be on the pads provided at each table. Pens will be provided at the table at the start of each event. You should take the pen with you and use it (or your own) for the rest of the event. Additional pens will be available in limited quantities.
- Only one person (usually South) will touch and operate the Bridge Mate. 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. That person should place the boards face-down on the side table after they have been played.
- There is to be no eating food of any kind at the tables during tournament play.

**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 breakout area. You should sanitise your hands before touching the cups or the cooler.

**Sanitisation of equipment**

Bridge Mates will be sanitised from time to time during the day's play.

**Tournament Organiser's discretionary powers**

The Tournament Organiser reserves the right to make any decision as to the running and conduct of the VCC or to vary these regulations, having regard to the health and welfare of the competitors.

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*Tournament Organiser*

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