

## **BERMUDA BRIDGE CLUB COVID PROTOCOLS 10 November 2020**

For each game, a trained “Safety Officer” will be appointed, who will be responsible for supporting/enforcing COVID guidelines and protocols. Members **MUST** obey the instructions of the Safety Officer.

No visitors to the Island will be permitted to play at this time without prior approval. A member who has travelled overseas or who has been in close contact with anyone who has travelled overseas must wait until after the negative result of the 8<sup>th</sup> day test before playing. Close contact is within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more.

Tables will be numbered with tablet mats in the usual way. Alternate tables will be used to allow extra spacing. The baize on the table surfaces has been covered with plastic to allow for sanitizing before and after games.

The main door to the Bridge Club will remain open as members arrive and depart. This will alleviate the need for members to touch the door handle.

Members will enter the Club wearing masks and go directly to a bridge table and sanitize their hands. The Director will come to the table to receive the entry fee. This will avoid the need to queue as has been done in the past. Names of players will be written in the appointment book as usual.

Coffee will be available for consumption before the game starts. Members are asked to bring their own water bottles and the Safety Officer will make available water and ice on the bar counter for members to help themselves. At the end of the game, members may leave used glasses on the bar.

No more than 2 people at one time may enter the kitchen/bar area.

### **Bathrooms:**

Men’s room: one urinal will be blocked off with tape. Only one person allowed in the men’s room at a time.

The Ladies’ room will be restricted to 2 people at a time.

Liquid soap, disposable paper towels and disinfecting wipes will be available in all bathrooms. Signs will be posted on the bathroom doors and bathroom mirrors, reminding members to hand wash for a minimum of 20 seconds and limiting the number of people to 2.

The Director will set up the game and make announcements using the microphone – it is important that there is no shouting.

Sanitizers will be available at each bridge table for use between each set of boards and whenever else required. The player in North position will enter the scoring in the Bridgemate. Other players at the table will not handle the Bridgemate.

In a Mitchell movement, the E/W players will take their portable bidding boxes with them to each table. In a Howell movement, all players will have their own portable bidding boxes and move with them.

Masks: these are to be worn when entering, leaving and moving about the Club. With the consent of ALL 4 players, masks may be removed at the table. Each bidding box will contain a card with “MASKS ON” on one side and “MASKS OFF” on the other. When moving at the end of each round, masks are to be worn and then each player will place the “MASKS” card on the table in front of them at the next table and only if all 4 cards say “MASKS OFF” may the masks be removed. Nobody is to be made to feel pressured to change his/her MASK ON card to MASKS OFF.

Where 4 players have elected not to wear masks at a table, they must be especially careful not to touch their faces at any time.

At the end of the game, tables, bidding boxes and Bridgemates will be sanitized.