

Preface

We appreciate everyone is fed up with COVID negatively impacting our lives. There is a chorus calling that we be allowed to get on with our lives. Whether we agree or disagree with the rules they are the rules that dictate our behaviour.

We are led to believe that bridge clubs and usual bridge sessions will be considered a social gathering, whereas tournaments will be considered an event. The difference is due to the focus of the latter on attendance from the broader public, where a club involves getting together with friends one regularly socialises with.

How long COVID-19 will impact our lives is unknown, how long we will have to live with the Traffic Light protocols is unknown. The implication of the just announced omicron variant is unknown. So, lots of unknowns.

The following document is a living document and will change as circumstances change.

We are strong advocates for the return of face-to-face bridge. After all this is what players are calling for and is the very foundation of the game. The traffic light system allows clubs and tournaments play under certain conditions.

Covid protocol

1. All members attending face to face bridge must be double vaccinated and have "my vaccine pass". Verification of the pass is required once every 6 months.
2. There will be a spread sheet at the entrance to the club with members names. Once the pass has been verified by a committee member it will be signed off with expiry date. If the club fails to follow this rule there could be a fine up to \$15,000.
3. Non vaccinated members will not be permitted to enter the club but confidentiality and kindness must prevail.
4. If the club becomes a place of interest or if we have a positive case at the bridge club:
 - notify members immediately (open disclosure) and follow instructions by MOH helpline re deep clean, or close building for length of time.
 - All close contacts will be identified by MOH and will be given personal instructions.
5. Face covering in club rooms are voluntary but are strongly encouraged.
6. There will be signage at entrance doors indicating vaccine pass is required for entry. (This will include maintenance people and other visitors to the club.)
7. If levels change, follow the attached instructions.
8. Restricted numbers and tables are only required at RED level (100)
9. Toy Library is not under our control. As we share a bathroom, this is a strong reminder to please wash hands well and use hand sanitizer