



NSBC COVID_19 POLICY UPDATE – EFFECTIVE 1ST JULY 2022

This is a summary of the updated changes to Covid-19 regulations since April 2022.

On **14 April**, the Qld Dept of Health *Public Health and Social Measure linked to vaccination Direction* was revoked. This ended the requirement for patrons to check-in and to be fully vaccinated in a range of venues and events, including Bridge Clubs.

On **June 1**, our club received an email from the QBA stating:

'The Australian Bridge Federation [ABF] has confirmed that, for all of their events, proof of double vaccination will NOT be required.

The QBA will still however require proof of double vaccination for all State championships, QBA events and congresses held under its auspices.

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.'

Our club informed the QBA of our decision to keep the status quo.

On **June 10**, the QBA placed on their website their updated policy:

'The QBA notes that all State and Territory governments no longer require proof of double vaccination and wearing of masks when entering venues and businesses, and that the ABF has decided that these will no longer be mandated for ABF Licensed events.

In keeping with this change in the ABF Policy, the QBA has decided that proof of double vaccination and wearing of masks will no longer be mandated for State championships, QBA events and congresses. Tournament Organisers and Clubs are free to make their own decisions as to whether they will continue, relax or cancel their existing Covid-19 Vaccination Policy, and players are advised to check the website for each event prior to entry...'

On **June 14** the Qld Dept of Health released their latest update:

'It is no longer necessary to be vaccinated to enter most businesses, services and activities. Venues include pubs and clubs...'

In line with the continued relaxation of Covid mask wearing and vaccination regulations, particularly by the Queensland Department of Health, our club has made the decision to align itself with the ABF, the QBA and many other clubs in that proof of vaccination is no longer required to play at or enter our club. This change in policy will be effective from the 1st July 2022.

The QBA has been informed of this decision.

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