

Health Protection guidelines for resumption

Valid for the complete duration of the health crisis

Re-opening of the clubs is a priority but any resumption is subject to Decree 2020-663 dated 31 May and published 1 June. To date, resumption protocols listed here only apply to the green area, and a part of the orange area (limited to 15 persons).

The health protocol takes the characteristics of our playing population into consideration, where each individual is responsible and involved in these measures and their implementation.

These guidelines may be modified when any new decrees, orders or circulars are published, stipulating further necessary general measures to deal with the spread of covid-19 in the frame of the health crisis.

The text **in red** lists the regulations and in black, the recommendations.

When adhering to these guidelines, others will comply in solidarity with you

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Health protocol in the green area:

- **Ask your city authority for a written authorization in cases where clubs are located within city boundaries and forward it to the committee responsible.**
- Where clubs rent a private venue, you are advised to inform the owner that bridge is resuming, particularly where common areas of the building are being used.
- **If the club employs one or more employees, socially correct health regulations must be in use**
- **No waiver of responsibility can be requested from the players.**

Reminder: Within the framework of the health crisis, the Prefect of the department has complete authority to require the closure of any facilities.

Important: A “COVID prevention” subsidy might be possible for the purchase of infection prevention equipment – see this link -

<https://www.associations.gouv.fr/une-subventionpour-aider-les-tpe-et-pme-a-prevenir-le-covid-19-au-travail.html>

GENERAL ORGANISATION

- The facility must be cleaned with appropriate cleaning products.
- **All surfaces that can be touched (handles, electrical switches, etc) must be cleaned before and after each tournament.**
- **Pre-registration is required for all activities in the club**
- All participants must be licenced or identifiable with their phone number or their email address
- When registering, each participant must:
 - Not come to the club if they have any symptoms as listed by the Ministry (www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus/orientationmedicale)
 - Inform the club immediately if he developed any symptoms during or following his previous visit
 - The club must inform all the participants who had been present of an anonymous possibly virus infected person.
- Implement of a pay system to reduce the handling of coins/bank notes and tickets.
- No gathering in groups in the facility, physical distance (1m) must be kept outside and inside
- **Nomination of a member to be responsible for Health & Safety (tournament director, director, doctor, volunteer player...) who shall remind players of the rules at the beginning of the play and ensure that specific health measures are adhered to.**
- **Display of the Regulations at the club**
- It is recommended that a « player » protocol is circulated to each member of the club by email.
- **A protective mask is required to be worn for any move inside the club.** Each individual will bring with his own protective mask.
- Protective visor may be used but with a protective mask
- **It is highly recommended that gloves are not worn**
- **At a minimum, hydro-alcoholic solution or gel should be made available at the entrance of the club and of any playing area.**

OPERATION OF THE VENUE AND EQUIPMENT

- **We must undertake to GUARANTEE a physical distance of 1m in ALL circumstances, sitting or standing.**
- Place screens on each table (plexiglass, crystal polystyrene...) **and such equipment avoids the wearing of a protective mask while sitting at the playing table.**
- **And/or maintain distance** between the players with the addition of a plastic or plywood tray of table, 1.1m square, to each playing table, **such equipment avoids the wearing of a protective mask while sitting at the playing table.**
- **If none of the equipment listed above is available: it is mandatory to wear a protective mask**
- The cloakroom is closed for the participants
- It is highly recommended that the bar be closed, drinks on tray are permitted and disinfected wipes should be made available.
- The doors must stay open to avoid touching door handles
- Regular air changes
- The use of air conditioning is not recommended unless the installing company can guarantee it will function according to the Government rules.
- Toilets must be disinfected by each user, disinfected wipes made available
- The club must ensure the toilets are cleaned at least once a day
- Create specific circulation directions and a club entrance/exit protocol
- Remove any unnecessary displays
- Adhere to the Health & Safety instructions that are displayed (details attached)
- Remove all magazines and documents

MANAGEMENT OF PLAY

- In order to adhere to distance requirements, kibitzing is forbidden
- It is recommended that cards do not circulate among several players:
 - Distribution of one individual kit (set of glossy cards and bidding-box) to each player.

- Cas des matches par quatre : les étuis sont préparés par l'organisateur du tournoi mais ne peuvent circuler d'une table à l'autre.
- For team matches: the boards will be prepared by the organizer of the tournament and may not circulate from table to table.
- For pairs tournament: Print a sheet with the hands of each player for the entire tournament, so that the player prepares his own hand for each round.
- Another suggested method: use the barometer formula (Swedish in FFBclubnet), which requires the use of a duplication machine and **one set of boards per table**.
- **At each table, the Bridgemate will be handled by only one player who will clean it at the beginning and at the end of the round. If no Bridgemate, the results are written down by one single person who brings his own pen and does not lend it to anyone else.**
- Cleaning of tables and screens after each round, and eventually the arms of chairs (*spraying with household alcohol*)

All these instructions should be adapted for teaching activities, subject to respecting physical distancing and "barrier" measures (*if using cards, each participant will have to bring his own set of cards*)

NB: Orange area

Clubs are only permitted to teach bridge to a maximum of 15 persons at the same time, subject to respecting the health protocol as detailed above for the green area.

No tournament is permitted in the orange area unless the club sends a written authorization, from the city hall which mentions the resumption of all the activities of the association, to the FFB and the Regional committee.

NOTICES TO BE DISPLAYED

At the entrance:

- **Diagram illustrating the circulation directions in the club**
- **Diagram of the « barrier » and physical distancing measures in place**

In the playing area:

- Diagram of the « barrier » and physical distancing measures in place
- Bridge playing protocol, especially warning the participants that they will be required to leave the club at any time if the health & safety instructions in force are not adhered to - without appeal to any disciplinary body.
- Reminder of the people at risk and what to do if symptoms occur.

In the toilets:

- Protocol on how to behave in this location.