

The ABF values the health and wellbeing of all players and officials.

You are the best judge of what's best for you, and we encourage you to make an informed decision whether to play bridge at the club or attend a tournament. We trust that you will exercise your own judgment regarding participation. **If you're sick or not feeling well, please stay home.**

We suggest that members and clubs follow the advice on the Australian Government Department Health <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov> and the World Health Organisation guidance.

Guidance for Attending a Club or Tournament

- Washing your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub;
- Practising respiratory hygiene, covering mouth and nose when sneezing and discarding tissues immediately into bin, cleaning your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water;
- Trying to avoid touching your face at all;
- Maintaining social distancing, elbow bump rather than a hug or shaking hands.
- If you see anyone doing anything likely to pass germs from mouth to cards, it's best to gently remind them that it's not the best practice. If you feel uncomfortable doing this then inform the Director or Tournament Organiser.
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At the APBF in Perth

- Hand sanitation sites will be available in public areas, providing alcohol-based hand sanitiser for all attendees and staff.
- Disposable, disinfectant wipes will be available so

- commonly used surfaces can be routinely wiped.
- Signage will be predominately placed to remind attendees of safe practices.

The Perth Convention Center has put out the following statement and has put in place enhanced cleaning protocols.



Novel Coronavirus (COVID-9)

PCEC Statement

PCEC has been closely monitoring updates and implemented all current measures, as advised by the Australian Government.

Our best defence in preventing the spread of the virus is encouraging our clients and their suppliers, in practising good hand hygiene.

As this situation evolves, we will continue to evaluate and make operational changes as needed.

Q&A

Has PCEC established policies for preventing the spread of infection in the venue?

- PCEC will be increasing sanitation across high-volume touchpoints, including restrooms, lifts, entrances/exits and bannisters within the venue.
- Hand sanitiser dispensers are located throughout the venue.
- Signage has been installed throughout the venue, encouraging good hand hygiene and coughing etiquette.
- PCEC recommends a 'no-handshake policy' amongst your guests and suppliers.
- Continued rigorous adherence to Food Safety management standards within our Kitchen operations.
- AVPartners, our preferred AV supplier, will be regularly disinfecting microphones, lecterns and clickers for their events, throughout the venue.

Key considerations our clients can assist with, in regards to protecting guests and their suppliers against infection?

- Encourage your staff, participants and suppliers to practice good hand hygiene, to protect against infections.
 - Advise exhibitors on implementing effective cleaning and disinfection of stands.
 - PCEC recommends a 'no-handshake policy' amongst your guests and suppliers.
 - Retain the names and contact details of all participants for at least one month. This will help public health authorities trace people who may have been exposed to COVID-19, if one or more participants become ill shortly after the event.
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