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When playing in the Interprovincials, please be aware at all times of the COVID-19 regulations in force in the Republic of Ireland ([COVID-19 restrictions in Ireland \(citizensinformation.ie\)](https://www.citizensinformation.ie)) and adhere to all measures required in the interests of public health and safety.

You must wear a face covering at all times in public areas in the hotel, from when you arrive until you leave, except when seated and playing at a screened table.

Bring your COVID vaccine certificate/proof of immunity with you. If you arrive without one, you will not be allowed to play, and may be refused access to certain facilities in the hotel.

You may wish to **bring a pocket-sized sanitiser.** The hotel will provide sanitisers throughout the playing areas, but many players prefer to use their own.

You may wish to **bring your own bidding box,** though we will also provide one at your starting table. Players are required to use the same bidding box throughout the weekend, taking it from table to table as required.

Payment is made via your region, so you will not need to bring table money. Your region or province will advise you separately of whatever arrangements they have in place for payment.

We will have signage to remind you of our COVID protocols throughout the weekend:

- **wear your mask until you are seated at your assigned table**
- **put your mask on before standing up**
- **sanitise when you sit at a new table**
- **and only North touches boards and Bridgemates.**

Finally, please remain aware at all times of others' comfort and safety. Wear your mask properly (we all know how to do this by now), don't cramp personal space or touch other players, observe sneezing and coughing etiquette (covering your mouth with your sleeve/elbow, not your hands), and comply with all COVID related protection requests.

These COVID-19 protection measures cannot guarantee complete protection and in addition may be subject to human failings including non-compliance. In particular, the IBU only takes responsibility for COVID-19 protection in the playing area, and cannot accept responsibility for protection against transmission in other areas, such as the hotel bar or restaurant. Bearing this in mind, by sitting down to play in this event, a player accepts that these arrangements meet their personal requirements and agrees to comply with all safety measures which the IBU has put in place, including relevant requests from hotel personnel, IBU officers, and the Tournament Director. Refusing a reasonable request that is made with public health and safety in mind is grounds for immediate expulsion from the tournament