

BEDFORD CHESS CLUB
Covid safety rules 3 September 2020

- 1 The Social Club has rules which are displayed in the entrance and Chess Club members must strictly follow these rules. They concern details of those attending, required one-way routes in the building and of course the need to observe social distancing at all times.
- 2 If members feel in any way unwell please do not attend. If a game has been prearranged then obviously every effort must be made to contact the opponent but even if that is not possible stay away! It is much better to disappoint another member than to infect him!
- 3 Masks should be worn at all times once in the playing hall or when collecting equipment. Visor type masks will be acceptable for anyone who is unable to wear the more usual face covering type. Members are asked to bring their own masks. There will be a small supply of the face covering type available for anyone who forgets but not of the visor type.
- 4 Any spectators likewise must observe social distancing and wear masks.
- 5 Whoever attends first should if possible open the equipment cabinet before doing anything else. Keys will be available for any member who wishes to have one. The cabinet will contain sanitisers and anyone who has not sanitised their hands on entry to the building must do so before touching furniture or chess equipment.
- 6 Once in the playing hall the first player must set up at a long table or two smaller tables with a sanitiser on or near the table(s). No-one should be required to set up more than one table or pair of tables.
- 7 The first player must take a single set, a board and a clock, and the second player must take a set. Once a player has a set he must use that set throughout the evening and, when he leaves, take responsibility for its return to the cabinet. (There is a risk that if someone leaves early his set will be taken out by someone arriving after he has left. In this case the early leaver should ask another member to take responsibility for returning the set at the end of the evening.)
- 8 Even though they have sanitised on arrival players should sanitise their hands at the start of each game and avoid touching anything other than their own pieces and the clock during the game. When a piece is taken by the arrival on its square of an opposing piece it will be the responsibility of the player whose piece has been taken to remove the piece - players should not touch the opposing player's pieces at any time. Players should try to avoid facing the opponent directly by sitting at an angle.
- 9 When a player leaves the playing hall for any reason he should sanitise his hands when he returns to the board.
- 10 If playing a series of casual games players should simply use the reverse colours of their own set NOT the pieces just used by the opponent.
- 11 If changing opponents players should take their own set. Paper towels will be available to wipe down the table, board and clock as necessary.
- 12 Results of the club tournaments must be reported to the Tournament Controller (Paul Habershon) and Web Site Controller (Steve Pike) by e mail. The notice boards will not be used.

- 13 The club will have to close immediately if the lockdown rules change adversely either on a national or local basis.