

## **Covid Protocols for National, Regional and Sectional Tournaments**

**EFFECTIVE November 2023**

Based upon guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the following will be in effect:

1. **VACCINATION, NABC:** ACBL is currently not requiring vaccination to participate in North American Bridge Championships. Please check the ACBL website for any changes or updates to this policy.

2. **VACCINATION, REGIONAL/SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS:** Tournament sponsors (i.e., ACBL districts and units hosting the events) will be responsible for deciding whether COVID vaccination is required for players, staff and volunteers at the tournament. Tournament sponsors must clearly state their policy on official tournament fliers and share these fliers with the ACBL Bridge Administration department so that they can be posted to the ACBL website. Please check with the Tournament Chair for any changes or updates to this policy.

2. **MASKING:** Masks are optional. Players, staff and volunteers are advised to check the [COVID-19 Community Level rate](#) as determined by the CDC or a similar metric from a health agency in making their decision on masking. Masking is recommended if an attendee is at high risk for severe illness or otherwise is a member of a vulnerable population.

If a masked partnership requests that each of their opponents wear masks, those opponents are expected to comply. This ACBL policy does not countermand any ordinance or law in effect at the site of the tournament.

3. **HAND SANITIZER:** Hand sanitizer must be readily available inside the playing area.

4. **EVENT SAFETY COORDINATOR:** Each tournament sponsor must provide a designated Event Safety Coordinator, who will be available to review proof of vaccinations, provide masks, etc.