

Covid Protocols for National, Regional and Sectional Tournaments EFFECTIVE September 3, 2021.

Dear District and Unit Presidents, Tournament Chairs

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

Until further notice, the following are mandatory:

1. **VACCINATION:** All staff, players and volunteers must be vaccinated with a complete set of vaccinations completed no less than 14 days before the date of the event in which the player wishes to purchase an entry (booster shots are not included in this policy at this time). Unless prohibited by law, each player must provide proof of vaccination to the Event Safety Coordinator or a member of their staff. In areas or locations where requiring proof of vaccination is prohibited by law, the event sponsor must put in place other precautions, such as mandatory rapid COVID testing and/or mask requirements. Please check with the Tournament Chair for any changes or updates to this policy.
2. **MASK REQUIREMENTS:** Per an August decision by the ACBL Board of Directors, effective through December 31, 2021 but subject to change at any time, anyone who has received the required doses of a Covid-19 vaccine (under Health Canada, CDC, or Mexico Ministry of Health guidelines) at least 14 days prior to their attendance at a bridge tournament may be required to wear a mask at said tournament if Health Canada, CDC, or Mexico Ministry of Health guidelines recommend this. 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, etc.

Please note that all the above are subject to change. Please check with the Tournament Chair for any clarification or further information.