



## **COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN**

This document specifies the arbiter responsibilities and communication guidelines to help ensure all participants are safe whilst attending a Chess Power event from 13 September 2022.

### **ARBITER RESPONSIBILITIES**

With case numbers low, most COVID-19 rules were removed on 13 September 2022. The chief arbiter for the event still has some additional responsibilities in addition to standard safety guidelines, as follows:

#### **CONTACT TRACING**

- The arbiter must ensure enclosed spaces have good ventilation. Good ventilation removes stale air and replaces it with fresh, clean air while maintaining a comfortable temperature and humidity levels for the people in the space. This helps to improve indoor air quality and to reduce the transmission of airborne illnesses including COVID-19.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

The arbiter is responsible for communicating recommendations to limit the spread of COVID to all attendees as part of the tournament opening announcements.

## **COMMUNICATION TO ATTENDEES**

It is important that all attendees receive clear communication at the beginning of the event so they understand good practices to help manage COVID.

In addition, continued communication should be undertaken if the arbiter notices any of these practices not being met during the event.

The following messages should be communicated:

### **HYGIENE**

- Keep up good hand washing practices, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and drying thoroughly.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- Use hand sanitiser before and after games.
- Keep surfaces clean.

### **ATTENDEES HEALTH**

Participants should not attend the event if they are sick or in isolation. If any participant has COVID-19 symptoms they should be in isolation and not attend the event. It is a requirement to isolate for 7 days if you have COVID-19.

### **VENTILATION**

Good ventilation removes stale air and replaces it with fresh, clean air while maintaining a comfortable temperature and humidity levels for the people in the space. This helps to improve indoor air quality and to reduce the transmission of airborne illnesses including COVID-19. We will keep doors and windows open to ensure good ventilation. Please don't close them.

### **FACE COVERINGS**

Face coverings help keep you and others safe. It is not compulsory to wear a face covering. If someone chooses to wear a face covering, it is entirely their choice to do so and they should be respected for keeping themselves and others safe. We encourage you to wear a face mask in crowded places, enclosed spaces with poor ventilation and close contact settings, such as face-to-face conversations.

These guidelines are designed to keep everybody safe. Please follow them and ask me if you are unsure about anything.