

Dear Bridge Community,

The Unit 484 Board has decided to cancel the upcoming tournament scheduled for March 27 - 29. We have consulted with ACBL, Laurie Rowe--our District 20 Representative to ACBL and recent President of District 20, and Steve Kaessner--our designated director for the tournament. ACBL has issued guidelines-- most we will be unable to follow due to lack of access to sanitary products and lack of manpower to comply. Those include

- Use sets of boards no more than once, if possible
- Use washable cards if possible
- Space out tables if possible
- Remember to also clean boards, bidding boxes and tables between games
- Add more frequent and longer "hospitality breaks" to allow time for hand washing
- Provide hand sanitizers at each table, preferably, or conveniently disperse throughout the function space
- Make disinfectant wipes generally available for players to use
- Have players take their bidding boxes with them (E/W for Mitchell movements, all players with Howells)
- Hold shorter games (18+ boards count as a full session)

Our decision was based on concern for our players, their families, friends and contact circles. Because the most vulnerable population is mainly our bridge population-- those 65 and older-- and the lack of ability to know who is a carrier, due to lack of testing access etc. we are taking a cautious approach. We would be extremely sorry and feel responsible for a bad decision should our worst fear be realized--that we learn after the fact that someone who attended our tournament was a victim or carrier.

We thank you and hope you understand. We hope you and yours stay safe and healthy during this crisis.

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