



## Face-to-Face Bridge Play Update

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Dear Member,

The road back to face-to-face bridge has been a long one, but we do see a light at the end of the tunnel.

While more areas across the continent are “reopening” as the COVID-19 vaccine gains traction, there is still quite a way to go to reach security for member and staff health. With that in mind, we want to give you an update on what the rest of 2021 looks like.

**First, the Providence North American Bridge Championships (NABC) set for Summer 2021 has been moved to Summer 2022.** Staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure that this event will be held in Providence RI next year at the same location.

Additionally, **the previously scheduled 2022 Summer NABC in Washington DC has been canceled** due to the playing and lodging site’s bankruptcy and subsequent closing.

Thank you to the NABC committees of both Washington DC and Providence for their incredible efforts!

**Second, we have developed a phased plan for the safe return to face-to-face play.**

**Return to playing in person will begin at the local club level. All tournament sanctions have been canceled through the end of July.** This is largely due to access to vaccines and the progressing travel needs to play at the local club, in a Sectional, in a Regional and at an NABC.

Already, some clubs are playing face-to-face with safety protocols in place, and we expect this number to grow. Holding this kind of play at the club level is up to each individual club; however, we urge you to act with caution and in accordance with your local safety requirements.

**The next phase of “reopening” face-to-face play will be the return of Sectionals.** This will run parallel to increased availability of vaccines, and we estimate these tournaments to begin in **August 2021** depending on local conditions (this is subject to change).

**The following phase will be the return of Regionals.** We estimate this period to begin in **early October.** However, please note that these dates are subject to change as the year progresses.

**Finally, we plan to resume the NABC schedule in Fall 2021 with the Austin NABC in November.** The dates for the 2021 Fall NABC are set as November 25-December 5.

[Click here to see the full timeline.](#)

We are very excited for the return of face-to-face tournament bridge! In the meantime, there are daily opportunities to play online, along with many [special events](#). We are especially excited to announce improvements to the **Summer North American Online Bridge Championships (NAOBC)**. [Click here](#) to see the new schedule of NAOBC events.

Thank you so much for your support this past year. Your loyalty ensures there is a future for bridge. We hope you will continue to bear with us as the plan to return to face-to-face play unfolds in 2021. Please note it is subject to change; however, we will notify you as soon as possible with any potential adjustments.

Sincerely,  
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Executive Director

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