

My ABF Release 1.1.5 CHANGES FOR TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS

Organisers should note the player changes copied below – especially the ones relating to Congress entries since you may well be asked by players about them.

Note on Covid vaccination status and Congresses

If your Congress is an ABF face to face event (or your organisation has decided to follow the same guidelines as the ABF) you should also check the Covid vaccination status recording function for players. Note that this is done in a player's Profile page. It does not appear as part of a player's entry form when they are entering a Congress. There are two reasons for this:

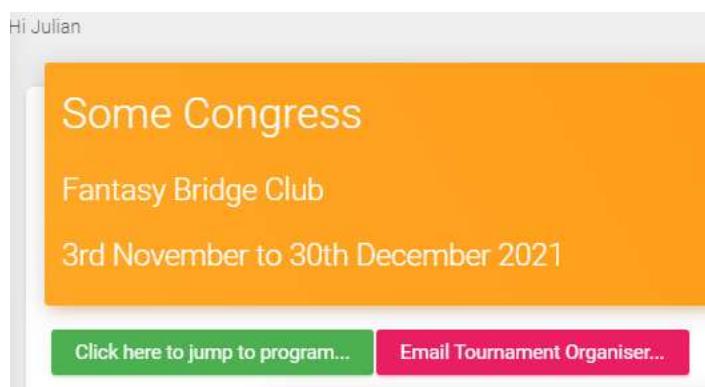
- a) Some congresses listed on My ABF are online
- b) Some congresses listed on My ABF are club or state events which are not subject to the same ABF conditions (although they may choose to be).

It is therefore recommended that if your Congress is intending to follow the same rules and make use of the vaccination status recording in My ABF then you should make a prominent statement to players within your Congress webpage about the need to complete this (you can also include a link to the player changes document that will be going onto the My ABF Resources webpage).

The following changes have been made to the Congress Edit and Manage areas:

1. Ability for players to directly email the Organiser

Players now have a button on a Congress page to directly email the Tournament Organiser. This will avoid some questions being initially sent to My ABF support and having to be forwarded.



IMPORTANT NOTE – SET THIS EMAIL UP FOR CONGRESSES THAT ARE CURRENTLY LIVE

For this button to appear the Organiser needs to setup the email address. This is done in the General Information section of the Congress setup area:

A screenshot of a web-based tournament management system showing the 'General Information' section. The title 'General Information' is at the top in a purple header. Below it, there is a field for 'Fantasy Annual Super Congress'. Underneath are two input fields: 'Congress Type' (set to 'Club congress') and 'Contact Email' (set to 'tournamentorganiser@gmail.com'). To the right of each input field is a small 'help' link.

This field will be compulsory for all new Congresses. For existing congresses, however, it will initially be blank.

If you are running a Congress which is currently in the live listing, please therefore go into the Edit area, add this email address and click Save/Next at the bottom of the screen. Players will not see the Email Tournament Organiser button until this has been completed.

Note the People grid further down in the Setup area has a table which also includes an Email field:

People

The screenshot shows a form with a toolbar at the top containing icons for font style (B, I, U), font family (ROBOTO), font size (A), alignment (left, center, right), and other document-related functions. Below the toolbar is a table with four rows. The first row has 'Organiser:' on the left and 'Jane Doe' on the right. The second row has 'Phone:' on the left and '040404040444' on the right. The third row has 'Email:' on the left and 'me@club.com' on the right. The fourth row has 'Chief Tournament Director:' on the left and 'Alan Partridge' on the right. All fields appear to be text input fields.

Organiser:	Jane Doe
Phone:	040404040444
Email:	me@club.com
Chief Tournament Director:	Alan Partridge

At this stage that is purely a text field and is not connected to the Contact Email address above. We appreciate in many cases this will be the same email address so it will be necessary for it to be input separately in both places. A future refinement could pre-populate the People grid with the Contact email from above – although it is intended for this to remain editable since some Congresses might actually want different email addresses.

2. Congress setup pages

There is a different look and feel to the edit boxes throughout the Setup pages and a minor fix has been made so that the Bold setting now works properly.

3. Organiser notes against entries

It is now possible to delete notes properly.

4. Unpaid entries report – ability to email players

It is now possible to directly email players from the Unpaid entries report to chase up those with outstanding payments.

Player	Entry Fee	Received	Payment Method	Status	Action
Julian Foster (ABF: 518891)	25.00	0.00	Bridge Credits	Unpaid	<button>VIEW</button> <button>EMAIL</button>
Mark Guthrie (ABF: 620246)	25.00	0.00	Bridge Credits	Unpaid	<button>VIEW</button> <button>EMAIL</button>

At this stage you can email a player individually. A future enhancement will allow you to do a general chasing email to everyone on the Unpaid entries report.

5. Youth discounts

There was a calculation error in the youth discount when it was not 50%. This has now been fixed. It is also no longer possible to input a negative value.

6. Players report

The players report now includes a column to indicate whether the player has confirmed their Covid vaccination status and whether it has been previously sighted. This is designed to assist Organisers manage the process of checking any certificates.

Future enhancements will provide this for the full Congress (as opposed to per event) and to allow a csv export.

PART 2 – CHANGES FOR PLAYERS

This section is included here for information to Tournament Organisers. It is a copy of the document provided separately for players.

1. Signing up for My ABF – Inactive accounts

If an account is inactive (usually because the user failed to find, or click on, the link in the original activation email), you can now sign-up again.

If you try to reset your password but your account is inactive you now get sent a new email with a reminder to activate the account first (and a new link to allow you to do so).

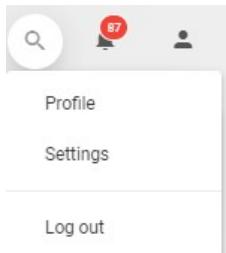
2. Covid vaccination status

Anyone playing in a face to face ABF National event in 2022 needs to be fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption. Players are asked to confirm their vaccination status within My ABF to assist the tournaments in managing this.

This is set in your Profile page which is accessed:

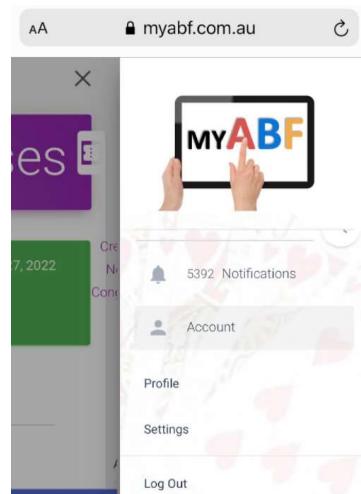
On a computer

From the person icon at the top right of your screen:



On a tablet or phone

From the Account menu (opened from the 3 bars icon at the top right of the screen):



Within your Profile page you will now see a new section:

Covid Certification

All ABF face-to-face national events, and many other events in Australia now require proof that you have received a COVID-19 vaccination.

[CLICK HERE TO UPDATE YOUR VACCINE STATUS](#)

Click on the purple button to bring up this:



Confirm Covid Vaccination Status

Click to confirm you have a Covid-19 digital certificate that will be viewed at your first ABF Licensed event in 2022.

[I am vaccinated](#) [Medically Exempt](#) [Cancel](#)

Option 1 – Click I am vaccinated:

Your profile now looks like this:

Covid Certification

All ABF face-to-face national events, and many other events in Australia now require proof that you have received a COVID-19 vaccination.

✓ You have confirmed you are vaccinated. You need to show your certificate at the next ABF face-to-face event you attend.

Option 2 – Click Medically Exempt:



Covid Vaccination Medical Exemption

Please tick to confirm you have a medical certificate confirming you are ineligible to be vaccinated for medical reasons.

Note: You will be required to email the Tournament Organiser the confirmation of a negative Covid test conducted within 3 days of the commencement of each event you enter.

[Confirm](#) [Cancel](#)

Click Confirm and your profile now looks like this:

A red rectangular box with white text. At the top, it says "Covid Certification". Below that, a smaller text box contains the message: "All ABF face-to-face national events, and many other events in Australia now require proof that you have received a COVID-19 vaccination." At the bottom of the red box is a blue medical cross icon followed by the text: "You have a medical certificate confirming you are ineligible to be vaccinated for medical reasons. You are required to email the Tournament Organiser the confirmation of a negative Covid test conducted within 3 days of the commencement of each event you enter."

3. Congress functions

3.1. Date selection button

The button at the top left of the Congress listing allows you to select assorted ranges of dates in which you want to see Congresses (the default is the next 6 months but you can also use this to look back at previous congresses or any date range you want). This has always been the case but it's been made a bit more obvious by displaying a drop-down indicator on the button:

EXISTING

NEW

OCTOBER 25, 2021 - APRIL 25, 2022

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3.2. Email the Tournament Organiser

A new button is available from the Congress page to directly email the Tournament Organiser. This button will open up your default mail system to allow you to compose an email. Currently quite a few queries are being sent to My ABF support which are purely to do with a particular Congress and we just forward them there so this will avoid the need for that to happen.

Note that this button only appears once such an email address has been set by the Organiser. This needs to be added for existing Congresses so you may not see it on all existing Congresses immediately.

A screenshot of a website page for a tournament. At the top, a grey bar contains the text "Hi Julian". Below this is a yellow section with the heading "Some Congress" and sub-information: "Fantasy Bridge Club" and "3rd November to 30th December 2021". At the bottom of this yellow section are two buttons: a green one labeled "Click here to jump to program..." and a pink one labeled "Email Tournament Organiser...".

4. Congress entry & payment functions

4.1. Entering a Congress

When you complete an entry form for the event you will notice the buttons at the bottom of the screen have changed:

Pairs in Some Congress

Wednesday 3rd Nov 2021 12:51pm

Player	Payment Method	Pay Now	Pending
Julian Foster	My Bridge Credits	25 credits	
Mark Guthrie	My Bridge Credits	25 credits	
Total		50 credits	

Comments Comment/Additional request? ✓

CONFIRM AND PAY NOW SAVE AND PAY LATER

The two buttons are now:

“Confirm and Pay Now” – This now completes the entry in a single step (previously you were taken to the “Checkout” screen where you were required to Confirm the entry again). **NOTE:** This action also triggers payment of any bridge credit amounts.

“Save and Pay Later” – This adds your entry to your “Shopping Cart” (the same as the previous button “Add to Cart”). You can later return to your Shopping Cart and complete checkout for the entries in it. This button can be used for two main purposes:

- Adding another entry and paying for them in one lump sum together rather than several separate payments (perhaps you want to put in a pairs and a teams entry for a Congress).
- Leaving an entry on hold and paying for it later (note that if you do this the entry is not regarded by the system as confirmed – that means that, while it does appear in the entry list, email notifications about the entry are not sent to players or the organiser – those only go out when the entry has been confirmed from a player’s checkout screen).

4.2. The shopping cart

If you have left an entry in your “Shopping cart” for later confirmation and payment, the Congress Checkout screen displays these items (this is accessed from the shopping trolley icon at the top of your screen). This now has a slightly different layout.

The entries within the cart are listed. It is now possible to go back to an entry and edit it if you need to make changes. Use the blue pen icon to edit an entry or the red bin icon to delete it.

A screenshot of the Congress Checkout interface. At the top, a green header bar says "Congress Checkout". Below it is a red "CHECKOUT" button with a cursor icon pointing to it. A large red arrow points from the text above to this button. The next section is an orange bar labeled "Shopping Cart". Underneath is a table with three columns: "Event", "Congress", and "Organisation". The first row shows "Pairs", "Some Congress", and "Fantasy Bridge Club". To the left of the "Event" column, there are small icons: a red square with a white minus sign and a blue square with a white pen. A red arrow points from the text "Use the blue pen icon to edit an entry or the red bin icon to delete it." to these icons. Below the table is a teal bar labeled "Details:" containing the text "+ Some Congress: 50 credits now." Another red arrow points from the text "The light blue section shows the total for each entry and clicking on the + symbol expands it to see the detail for that entry:" to this bar. At the bottom is a purple bar labeled "Totals - Now: 50 credits Later: 0 credits" with a green "CONFIRM AND PAY NOW" button.

The light blue section shows the total for each entry and clicking on the + symbol expands it to see the detail for that entry:

Details:

A screenshot showing the expanded details for an entry in the shopping cart. A teal bar at the top says "- Some Congress: 50 credits now." Below is a table with columns: "Event", "Type", "Player", "Your Payments Now", "Later Payments", and "Payment Method". Two rows are shown: one for Julian Foster (ABF: 518891) with 25.00 in both columns and Bridge Credits as the method; and another for Mark Guthrie (ABF: 620246) with the same details. A red arrow points from the text "Finally, the overall total of all the entries in the shopping cart is displayed at the bottom of the screen just above the Confirm and Pay Now button." to the "Your Payments Now" column.

Finally, the overall total of all the entries in the shopping cart is displayed at the bottom of the screen just above the Confirm and Pay Now button. This shows what you are about to pay when you click the button and what amounts will be paid later (either by other players or by other payment methods outside My ABF).