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AT WORLD AND

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Purpose of the Selection Policy

- 1 The World Gateball Championship (WGC) is the premier worldwide gateball event held every four years. The Asian Gateball Championships (AsGC) is held in a cycle two years after the WGC. Both events are attended by 96 teams from World Gateball Union (WGU) members and associate member countries. As a member of the WGU, Australia is invited to participate in both competitions. WGU members are asked, prior to the events, to bid for the number of teams they wish to enter. Responses are then analysed by the WGU, and members are allocated their number of teams. Members that bid for up to five teams are generally allocated that number. Historically, Australia has fielded less than five teams. In 2010, five Australian teams participated.
- 2 Unlike world championship events in other sports, such as cricket, where the best players from within each country are selected to form one team, the WGC and AsGC is more in the format of a club championship.
- 3 More Australian gateball players may wish to participate than places are available for future events. Gateball Australia therefore needs to maintain a selection policy for future WGCs and AsGCs. Following a consultation process, Gateball Australia has developed this selection policy. It resembles the method Japan uses to select its teams for WGCs.

Selection

- 4 The Australian Gateball Championship (AGC) is Australia's premier gateball event, held every two years. The AGC in the year before the respective WGC or AsGC will act as a selection trial for the corresponding AsGC or WGC.
- 5 Australian clubs, and preformed composite teams are eligible to enter the AGC. When entering the tournament, Clubs will indicate on the team entry form that they wish to be considered for WGC or AsGC selection. For composite teams, the club with the greatest numbers of individuals who wish to play in the WGC or AsGC takes the lead and identifies on the entry form that the club wishes to coordinate a team for the WGC or AsGC. If a club is selected, and does not have a full team wishing to travel to the WGC or AsGC, it will be expected to select other players from a pool of individuals who have indicated that they wish to participate. This selection and negotiation process will take place during and immediately after the AGC.
- 6 Individuals, from any team, will also be asked to indicate on the entry form for the AGC, if they wish to be considered for selection in their own or another club's team.
- 7 Should the WGU or AsGU call for a bid for team numbers prior to the close of nominations for the AGC, Australia would bid for a fixed number of 6 teams.
- 8 Australia may bid for the maximum number of teams that can be formed from the number of players who nominate, should this be less than 6.
- 9 Australia may not be allocated its full bid of teams to represent her. If this occurs, the final ranking of teams from the AGC will be used to determine the order that teams will be automatically selected to represent Australia. For example, if Australia is allocated 5 teams, the top five ranked Australians teams will be invited to participate at the WGC or AsGC, with the first ranked team being given the first offer of selection and so on.
- 10 The ranking of team success in the AGC will be: winner, runner up, semi-finalist (if applicable), quarter finalist (if applicable), highest position in the group stage through to lowest position in the group stage, calculated according to tournament rules. If there are teams tied in any of these spots (for example two teams that both finish second in their respective group), highest winning percentage, then highest net point differential will be calculated. If it remains a tie, a coin toss will decide.

- 11 Teams and individuals will be given a short period of time to commit fully to participating in the WGC or AsGC.
- 12 The maximum number of Australian teams to be formed from individuals who have nominated for selection, will be determined by identifying how many teams of 5 or 6 can be formed from the nominees.
- 13 As soon as possible after the AGC, selected teams will be expected to complete their teams by selecting from the individuals who have nominated. Clubs should select individual players according to demonstrated skills and proximity (to enable practice.) Players from the successful club should also need to be in agreement that the individuals selected would be compatible with team dynamics.
- 14 Any individual who cannot attend the AGC but who may wish to be considered for selection should request the National Coordinator, through their club's gateball contact, to be excused from this requirement. An exemption will be granted on the grounds of ill health, family or work commitments.

Eligibility

- 15 All players who are part of a nominated team will need to be an Australian resident affiliated with the Australian Croquet Association (ACA). As a minimum standard, players must be able to complete the ACA's GB Basic Skills Card successfully.
- 16 Should a nominated club team be successful in being selected for the WGC or AsGC, it will be the Club that is selected. It will be up to the club to determine the composition of the team for the WGC or AsGC, according to the guidance given above. Clubs need to be aware that their selections may need to be justified. Should more than one team from the same club be successful in being selected, the club will have to fill those teams for the WGC. It will also be up to the club to determine the composition of those teams.
- 17 Notification of selections and any changes, including evidence that clause 13 has been complied with, will need to be provided to the National Gateball Director.
- 18 International teams and players are eligible to participate in the AGC, but they would not be eligible for selection as an Australian team for the WGC or AsGC.

Referees

- 19 Australia can also nominate teams of referees to participate in AsGC and the WGC. Referees who participate in the WGC or AsGC need to be certified as international referees, according to WGU and ACA processes. The experience gained assists in maintaining and developing standards of Australian refereeing. It is envisaged that, whenever possible, Australia will encourage one team of 3 or 4 referees to participate. The National Coordinator will appoint one of the International Referees to oversee the selection and training of this team of International Referees.

Endorsement

- 20 The ACA Board will endorse both the selection as properly constituted and selected Australian teams, assuming that the selections are made according to this procedure.

Review

- 21 This selection procedure will be reviewed following the 2018 WGC.