

AUSTRALIAN GATEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



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17th- 19th SEPTEMBER 2021

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The event will be held at the Gold Coast Performance Centre, Runaway Bay, Gold Coast, Queensland from the 17th to 19th September, 2021

The multi sports facility the northern end of the Gold Coast will have space for 8 full size gateball courts and a state-of-the-art stand and sports facility with cafes, swimming pools and child care.

Gateball players from Australasia are invited to attend.

For 2021, an Inaugural Australian Gateball Doubles Championship will be held alongside the teams event

Closing date for entries is COB on Monday 17th August 2021

Competitors are asked to send entries and book accommodation as soon as possible.

EVENT INFORMATION

Event: Held every two years, the Australian Gateball Championships are Australia's premier gateball events. Teams from Australia and New Zealand are expected to attend

Program:

Friday 17th Sept: **Morning:** Inaugural Australian Open Doubles Championship & friendly games. **Afternoon:** Championship practice, friendly interstate team games, coaching/referee workshops and opening ceremony. Doubles finals and opening rounds of the teams event may be played

Saturday 18th Sept: League matches and possible doubles final

Sunday 19th Sept: League matches and teams finals

Venue: Gold Coast Performance Centre
1 Sports Drive, Runaway Bay,
Gold Coast, QLD-4216, Australia

Eligibility: Each team must have a manager, referees and five to eight players. The manager may be one of the players.

Australian teams – players must be affiliated with their State Croquet Association.

International teams – players must be members of organisations that are members of the WGU affiliated with either their Gateball or National Croquet Organisation. Other international players will be welcomed at the discretion of the National Coordinator.

Number of Teams: The competition is limited to 32 teams. Applications will be processed on a first-come-first-received basis. Team managers will be notified if their nomination has been successful.

Equipment: Gateball courts will be prepared with lines, gates, balls and scoreboards. Players shall provide their own sticks and players' bibs. Balls will also be provided for practice.

Rules: Matches will be played under the World Gateball Union rules current at the time of the event. Additional rulings of the Gateball Australia Referee Committee will also be observed.

Conditions: The competition will be conducted according to the policies of Gateball Australia and the Australian Croquet Association.

Referees: All matches will be conducted with a refereeing team. All teams and doubles will have refereeing duties. Each team needs 2 referees, a recorder and 2 linespeople. Teams without qualified referees must have a referee in training. Contact info @gateball.com.au if this is a problem. Teams from WA, Tasmania and NZ will be exempt from this criteria but are asked to contact the National Coordinator to discuss refereeing.

Match Format: Matches will be played in one or more block draws with a final series comprising a grand final and semi-finals depending on the number of blocks. Final details will be available when the number of entries is known. The Event Management Team will decide the final format.

Dress Code: Teams are required to wear a uniform. As a minimum, teams should be wearing matching shirts and similar pants. A combination of long-sleeve and short-sleeve shirts and long and short pants is acceptable. Flat soled sporting shoes should be worn. It is advisable to have a hat and efforts should be made to ensure that these are at least of the same colour.

Bad Weather: The Event Management Team reserves the right to change the format of play and make other changes as may be necessary in the event of unfavourable weather.

Covid: Whatever Covid Restrictions in place in Queensland and on the Gold Coast at the time of the event will be observed. If the event has to be postponed an alternative date has been agreed with the centre for 8th to 10th April 2022

Event Management: National Coordinator of Gateball, Gateball Australia, John Park, 0448 227 467, info@gateball.com.au
Venue Manager, Barbara Northcott,(07) 5577 5079, barbaranorthcott@enfour.com

Entry Details: Australian Gateball Championship, Teams should register through the ACA's website at <https://croquet-australia.com.au/>

Inaugral Australian Open Doubles Championship. On the Friday morning a short doubles events will be held although some later rounds may be integrated into the weekend schedule. Teams registered for the Australian Gateball Championship (Teams) may nominate one pair . If more than one pair wish to nominate, the club based team submitting the entry should hold a play off to determine which pair will be nominated. A composite pair can be entered which may include a member from another team entered in the competition. This can only be done with the agreement of the nominating team. The team of the other player in such an arrangement, may still enter a pair in its own right provided it is also entering a team. Clubs entering the event may also nominate **Wild Card Entries** for the doubles Championship. Some of these pairings will be included in the main event if numbers permit. They will be selected on the basis of performance at State Championships since January 2019. Other "wildcards" will have friendly games scheduled.

Entry Fee: AUD \$180 incl GST per team. The preferred method of payment is by credit card through the ACA website. Teams nominated for the doubles event incur a charge of \$10 per person but there is no charge for wildcard entries.

Draw: Teams will be grouped into pools to ensure that games played against teams from the same country or state are minimised. The draw will also ensure that teams that have been well placed in State and National Championships since the beginning of 2019 are distributed across all pools

Accommodation: Teams are responsible for organising their own transport to and from the venue. It is advisable to book accomodation soon as the Gold Coast is a popular location at this time of year. A hold has been placed on lodge accomdation at the venue. Please email info@gateball.com.au if interested

Meals Friday: Teams to provide their own breakfast and lunches.
A cafe is available on site and a barbeque meal is being organized after the opening event on the Friday evening

Saturday: Teams to provide their own breakfast. Food boxes will be available for purchase and should provide enough food for morning tea, lunches etc. Cafe facilities are available on site Further information will be circulated well before the event

A tournament dinner may be held. Players can select from an extensive menu and will pay for their own meal and drinks

Sunday: Teams to provide their own breakfast. Lunches will be available for purchase. Further information will be circulated well before the event.

Selection for Australian Representative Teams: Participants in the event need to nominate themselves on the entry form if they wish to be considered for Australian representative teams before the next Australian Gateball Championships. At this point, the nomination is an expression of interest only and may be withdrawn at a later date. Any player wishing to be considered who cannot attend the AGC, needs to email the National Coordinator detailing the family, work, or personal circumstances why they cannot attend. After the AGC a selection committee for representative international teams will be formed around the captains of the three highest performing teams at the event and representatives of any states not included. Details of this policy are available on the ACA website.