



# Croquet Australia Trading as Gateball Australia **PLAYER AGREEMENT – TEAM EVENTS**

This agreement provides as follows:

## **1. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GATEBALL AUSTRALIA AND PLAYER**

There is no employer/employee relationship between Gateball Australia and the Player but the Player undertakes to meet his/her obligations to Gateball Australia as set out in Clauses 4 and 5, and for the consideration as set out in Clause 6.

## **2. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement comes into effect on the date the Player accepts a place in the Event and concludes upon the Player's return home, having competed in the Event.

## **3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### **3.1 Affiliation**

The Player declares that they are a financial member of a State Association that is affiliated with Croquet Australia (trading as Gateball Australia) and a current financial member of Croquet Australia at the date of this Agreement.

### **3.2 Residence**

The Player declares that they are qualified to represent Australia and meets all the mandatory criteria outlined in Clause 4 of the [Gateball Australia Selection Policy](#).

## **4. PLAYER COMMITMENTS**

### **4.1 Performance**

The Player undertakes to;

- (a) prepare themselves both mentally and physically for competitive performance at the international level;
- (b) work with the Team Captain to maintain, develop and enhance their competitive skills during the term of this Agreement;
- (c) play the game of Gateball to the best of his/her skill and ability;
- (d) play in matches for which they are selected;
- (e) abide by all reasonable decisions of the Team Captain in relation to the training, practice, and playing of the game of Gateball prior to and during the Event; and
- (f) abide by all reasonable decisions of the Team Manager in relation to travel, accommodation and off-court matters relating to the Team during the term of this Agreement.

### **4.2 Behaviour**

- 4.2.1 The Player will conduct themselves in accordance with the Croquet Australia [Code of Conduct Policy](#), the Croquet Australia [Member Protection Policy](#), Appendix B in the [Gateball Australia Tournament Regulations](#), and the additional requirements set out below.

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct or relevant policies may see the individual removed from the team and be returned to their place of residence at their own cost. The decision to remove a player from the team will be made by the Team Manager in consultation with the Croquet Australia CEO.

4.2.2 The Player will play the game of Gateball at all times in a sportsmanlike manner and in the spirit of fair play, and will at all times and for the duration of this Agreement conduct themselves in a manner befitting a representative of Australia, so as not to bring Gateball Australia, Croquet Australia or the game of Gateball into disrepute.

This includes not making negative or inappropriate comments in relation to their team, other members of another Team, Team Captain, Team Manager, Gateball Australia or Croquet Australia, Selectors, the World Gateball Union or any other International or National Gateball organisation.

4.2.3 The Player will refrain from acts of misconduct including, but not limited to

- (a) accepting or failing to report a bribe;
- (b) not playing on merits;
- (c) betting or gambling on the outcome of a game in which the Player is participating;
- (d) drug offences (taking or supplying the same);
- (e) drunkenness;
- (f) offensive language (verbal or written);
- (g) rowdy behaviour;
- (h) other conduct prejudicial to Gateball Australia, Croquet Australia or the sport of Gateball in general or Gateball Australia's membership of the World Gateball Union (WGU) or Asia Pacific Gateball Union (APGU).

#### 4.3 Rules

The Player will comply with all Rules and Regulations of the WGU relating to the game of Gateball during the Event including any special regulations applying specifically to the Event.

#### 4.4 Team-Building and Team Activities

4.4.1 The Player will obey all reasonable directions and decisions of the Team Captain arising under this Agreement in relation to the training, practice and playing of the game of Gateball prior to and during the Event.

4.4.2 The Player will actively support and encourage members of the Team, and will assist the Team Captain and the Team Manager in developing a working relationship in the Team so as to promote a responsible attitude, commitment, trust, competence, respect, safety, honesty, professionalism, equity and sportsmanship amongst members of the Team.

4.4.3 The Player will actively participate in meetings, practice sessions and social occasions arranged for the Team, and actively contribute to the necessary tasks connected with the living arrangements of the Team during the Event.

4.4.4 The Players will be responsible for ensuring that their partners and other family members respect the need for both Player and Team commitment during games and on the occasions described in the paragraph above.

4.4.5 It is expected that each Player will attend the scheduled practice as advised.

#### 4.5 Education

All players and team officials are to have completed the eLearning [Anti-Doping Fundamentals](#) course provided by Sports Integrity Australia

## 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 5.1 Uniform & Dress Code

- 5.1.1 Players will wear the shirts supplied by Croquet Australia. Gateball Australia will determine other items of their uniform in line with the WGU's Official Gateball Rules, Chapter 2, Clause 3, Clothing and Players agree to wear the team uniform.

Generally, each player shall receive 2 playing shirts from Gateball Australia. Long-sleeved shirts are available upon request.

**NOTE:** Players selected for any extra teams beyond the WGU official team entry limit do not receive the complimentary uniform from Croquet Australia.

- 5.1.2 The Player will be responsible for providing suitable protection from the weather including team wet weather gear, team hat and sun-screen.
- 5.1.3 The Player will wear appropriate footwear in accordance with the WGU rules of Gateball.
- 5.1.4 The Player will be advised at the time of signing this agreement whether or not they are to provide their own team tracksuits.
- 5.1.5 Players should wear formal attire to official functions as required or as directed and/or agreed by the Team Manager and/or Team members.

### 5.2 Accommodation, Travel, Meals and incidentals

- 5.2.1 Unless otherwise notified by Gateball Australia prior to signing this Agreement, Players will be responsible for the cost of their travel, accommodation, meals and other incidentals in relation to their participation in the Event.

### 5.3 Equipment

- 5.3.1 The Player will provide their own stick, a stick cover/bag/other container suitable for transportation of the stick and a watch timer.

## 6. GATEBALL AUSTRALIA OBLIGATIONS

Croquet Australia will provide each Player with 2 playing shirts and any other items agreed upon by Gateball Australia prior to the Event.

## 7. SUSPENSION

If the Player breaches any of the obligations outlined in Clause 4 of this Agreement, [Gateball Australia Selection Policy](#) or other documents mentioned in Clause 6.5.2 of the Gateball Selection Policy, Gateball Australia may, at its absolute discretion, suspend the Player from the Team and/or participation in the Event.

## 8. INDEMNITY

The Player indemnifies Gateball Australia from any costs or claims made against Gateball Australia arising out of any or all the Player's actions or failings in this Agreement or otherwise in the terms set out in the Agreement.

## 9. INSURANCE

9.1 The Player shall notify Gateball Australia of any individual health matters by completing the Team Player Agreement.

9.2 Players are covered by Croquet Australia's travel insurance for this Event as set out in the [insurance program summary](#) on the Croquet Australia website. Details of Croquet Australia's insurance provider are available on the Croquet Australia [website](#)

**NOTE:** Players selected for any extra teams beyond the WGU official team entry limit are not covered by the Croquet Australia insurance program. These members should source private travel insurance for the event.

**10. AUTHORITY OF GATEBALL AUSTRALIA**

Gateball Australia warrants that the Player is an affiliated member of Croquet Australia and that Gateball Australia has the authority to select the Player to represent Australia in the Event and to appoint the Team Manager. The Player accepts Gateball Australia's authority to appoint a Team Manager, and that they have the authorities listed in Appendix B to the Gateball Australia Tournament Regulations.

**11. DISPUTES**

In the event of any dispute arising out of this Agreement and its implementation, Gateball Australia and the Player agree to be bound by the [Gateball Australia Selection Policy](#) and/or any other Croquet Australia [policies](#) and procedures as may be in place from time to time.

**12. TERMINATION**

If for any reason outside the control of Gateball Australia, the Event is cancelled, deferred or postponed, Gateball Australia may terminate this Agreement upon fourteen (14) days' notice in writing to the Player.

If for any reason the Player decides to cease competitive play in Gateball, they may terminate this Agreement upon fourteen (14) days' notice in writing to Gateball Australia via email at [info@gateball.com.au](mailto:info@gateball.com.au)