
Gateball Australia

Referee Accreditation Framework

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1. Introduction

The accreditation and reaccreditation of gateball referees is to be in accordance with this Framework established by Gateball Australia.

2. Date of effect

This Framework takes effect from 14 February 2015 and replaces the *Procedures for Referee Accreditation Framework* of 1 January 2010. It is intended that this document is consistent with the ACA's current processes for referee accreditation and reaccreditation for referees and umpires

3. Definitions

- Gateball Australia (GA) is a business name used by the Australian Croquet Association (ACA) for gateball matters, including ACA membership of the World Gateball Union (WGU). All references to GA are references to the ACA.
- The WGU is the international governing gateball body.
- National Gateball Director (National Director) is an appointed officer of the ACA and is also a Director at WGU representing GA
- State Gateball Directors (State Directors) are appointed officers of the state croquet associations.

4. Responsibility

The responsibility for this Framework rests with the National Director in consultation with the State Directors.

5. Referee Committee

The Referee Committee is to be established and comprise the National Director as chairman, the State Directors and up to three International level referees appointed by the National Director. The Committee shall meet at least once a year, and submit reports to the ACA. Meetings may be held by correspondence. The duties of the Committee members shall be:

- the planning, implementation, grading and evaluation of examinations;
- overseeing the specified courses to be conducted based on the course items listed in Table 1; and
- authorising the examination of International level referee candidates.

6. Accreditation levels

Three levels of accreditation can be attained:

International

International level referees may referee any gateball match in Australia or elsewhere.

Acting with the Referee Committee, an International referee can accredit other International referees.

Level 1

Level 1 referees may referee any gateball match in Australia or elsewhere, subject to WGU requirements.

Acting with the National Director or the relevant State Director, Level 1 referees may examine for Level 2 referee accreditation.

Level 2

This is the base level of accreditation for GA referees.

Level 2 referees may referee at state, regional or club championships and may act as an assistant referee or at the national championships organised by GA.

Until sufficient Level 1 referees are accredited, Level 2 referees may undertake Level 1 refereeing duties (with the exception of examining duties)

7. Examinations

Level 1 and Level 2 referee candidates are to undertake a written and practical examination.

International referees are to undertake examinations as set out by the WGU.

8. Accreditation

Those who pass the examinations are to be accredited and records made of such accreditation. The records of accreditation are to be maintained by the National Director with the list of referees to also be published on the GA website.

9 Re-accreditation

Any referee previously accredited is now required to complete the Australian Sports Commission's online course, Officiating General Principles Course in order to be re-accredited.

To be re-accredited, referees are required to complete an activity card providing evidence of updating knowledge and interpretation of current rules, officiating at events, demonstrating competence as a referee and being prepared to participate in a process of review and improvement.

10. Obligations of referees

Referees shall:

- Participate in relevant training as required by GA and their relevant state association;
- aim to improve their own refereeing skills, and as competition or refereeing members, actively participate in match championships; and
- when refereeing matches, wear their appropriate badge.

11. Particulars

Further details of this Framework are contained in the *Referee Accreditation Framework – Particulars*, with which this document is to be read in conjunction.

12. Modification of Framework

This Framework and Particulars may be amended by GA from time to time.

Referee Accreditation Framework – Particulars

The following clauses provide details on the gateball referee accreditation procedure and should be read in conjunction with the Referee Accreditation Framework.

a. Eligibility

To become eligible, prospective referees must be at least 16 years of age, possess a copy of the latest official gateball rulebook and have completed any courses specified by GA; and

- to undertake any referee examination, shall complete the Australian Sports Commission “Introductory Level Officiating General Principles” online course;
- to undertake the Level 2 referee examination, shall possess a minimum of one year’s experience in refereeing at club level and have assisted in refereeing in at least two games at state championships;
- to undertake the Level 1 referee examination, shall possess a minimum of one year’s experience as a Level 2 referee and have refereed in at least two games at state championships and assisted in at least two games at a national championship; and
- to undertake the International referee examination shall possess a minimum of one year’s experience as a Level 1 referee and have refereed in at least two games at state championships and two games at a national championships.

b. Application to take examinations

Those intending to take or retake an examination are to apply in writing to the National Director or their State Director confirming their eligibility. The application must be endorsed by the candidate’s club gateball coordinator, or, if the candidate is same, by two club members with gateball knowledge and understanding.

The National Director or State Director shall assess the application content in accordance with the requirements of the Framework and, if it is confirmed that candidate is compliant, accept the application to take the examination.

c. Examination fees

Fees for taking examinations are to be set from time to time by GA and are not refundable. Current fees are:

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| ▪ Level 2 | \$25 |
| ▪ Level 1 | \$30 |
| ▪ International | \$40 |

d. Implementation of examinations

The examinations:

- are to be conducted based on the content listed in Table 2;
- for Level 2, shall be by a Level 1 or International referee as examiner or by the National or a State Director provided they are qualified referees;
- for Level 1, shall be by an International level referee as examiner, or by the National or a State Director provided they are qualified referees; and
- for International level, shall be by an International referee as examiner, or by the National or a State Director provided they are qualified referees.
- For any of the examinations, the National or a State Director may appoint a nominee to conduct an examination where the NDG or SDG does not possess referee qualifications at least equivalent to the level being assessed. The nominee should have qualifications at least at the level being assessed.

e. Evaluating and judging examinations

In determining the pass/fail point, Examiners are to be guided by the following recommended pass/fail points:

International level examinations Pass = 80% +

Level 1 examinations Pass = 75% +

Level 2 examination Pass = 70% +

f. Re-examinations

Should a candidate be unsuccessful in any examination, the candidate is not entitled to reapply to take the examination for six months following the original examination.

g. Procedures following examination

The procedures after the examination are as follows:

- the examiner notifies the candidate of the result;
- if the candidate passes, the examiner notifies the relevant State Director and the National Director. The National Director will issue the appropriate referee badge through the relevant State Director and add the referee's name to the records; and
- if a candidate fails an examination, the examiner should also inform the State Director and National Director.

h. Cancellation of accreditation and disqualification

- (a) GA shall cancel the accreditation of a referee if any one of the following circumstances arises in respect of the said referee, and shall inform the referee of the cancellation:
- where an application for cancellation of registration is received from the referee; or
 - where the referee's affiliation with the ACA, including the state association, has lapsed.
- (b) GA may cancel the accreditation of a referee should any one of the following circumstances arises in respect of the said referee, and shall inform the referee of the cancellation:
- the referee is deemed to be unfit, for example by behaving in a way so as to be otherwise severely discredited as a referee;
 - the referee fails to carry out the obligations of referees as defined below; or
 - where the performance of the referee has been subject to substantiated complaints about fairness, the application of rules or performance in accordance with stipulated referee procedures.

If an individual's accreditation has been cancelled by way of:

- sub clause (a), the individual may re-apply to take the examination at any time, provided their affiliation has been renewed.
- sub clause (b), the individual is not entitled to apply to re-take the examination for 12 months following the cancellation.

GA and the state organisations can disqualify or prohibit from taking the examination those who have taken or have attempted to take the examination improperly, whether for themselves or a third person. The processes of appeal, as defined in ACA policy, shall be available in these situations. In respect of these three conditions, the referee shall have available the processes of appeal as defined in ACA policy.

i. Matters not stipulated

In addition to the matters stipulated, any necessary particulars relating to the implementation of specified courses and examinations will be determined by the National Director in consultation with the State Directors.

Table 1

Referee Training Course Syllabus

Introduction

Sport rules and referees
Role and functions of referees
Origins of gateball
Features of gateball
Organisation of gateball in Australia and internationally

Organising a championship

Event guidelines
Programme
Matters for consideration
Match combinations and how to determine the winner

Health and Safety

Safety measures
First aid
Playing in inclement weather
Insurance issues

Procedures for Referee Accreditation

Referee levels
Requirements for accreditation
Examinations

The Game

Playing court
Equipment
Teams
Winner determination

Rights of the stroker
Valid and invalid play
Moving the ball
Stroking
Gate making and goal-pole making
Touch and spark
In ball, out ball

Referees' Requirements and Duties

Attitude and dress
Duties of referees, recorders and linespersons
Decisions
Mistakes
Scorecards

Official Gateball Rules & Guide for Referees

How to use the Rule Book
Other material available

Game Progression

Preparation
Match start and completion
Scoring and win determination
Perfect game
Forfeiture

Cooperation between First and Second Referees

Decision-making positions
First gate
Touch and Sparking

Table 2

Referee Examination Content

Level 2 Referee Examination

Official Gateball Rules

Guide for Referees

Level 2 Referee Practical Examination

Referee hand indications

Practical knowledge of Fouls

Practical understanding of game situations

Test as referee in a match situation

Level 1 Referee Examination

Official Gateball Rules

Guide for Referees

Level 1 Referee Practical Examination

Referee hand Indications

Practical knowledge of fouls

Practical understanding of game situations

Test of referee in match situation

International written examination

Will be consistent with directions from the WGU.