

Unsolicited Emails about International Competition

Gateball players sometimes receive unsolicited emails about international events from a small unrecognised organisation.

Players need to be aware that, in the past, there have been instances where this source has promoted overseas competitions and activities that are not suitable for Australian players. Please note the following problems have arisen in the past:

- event information has been circulated when travel advisories from Smart Traveller at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website have specifically advised Australians not to visit because of the security situation,
- contacts have been promoted and, a few days later, hastily corrected, when it has become apparent that the contact is a scam,
- emails purportedly from the WGU have been circulated but are not written in the style normally used when addressing Gateball Australia. Emails from the WGU to Gateball Australia usually address the recipient by name with the Japanese honorific, Sann. They contain a few pleasantries (eg about the weather) and are signed in the name of a specific person.
- A whole range of competitions have been promoted but it is unclear whether overseas players are welcome at the events

Australian players wishing to play overseas are advised to contact info@gateball.com.au . The convention for Gateball Australia players is that contacts with overseas organisations are made by, or with the endorsement of the National Coordinator.

Gateball Australia can also make enquiries as to whether or not properly endorsed trips to play overseas are covered by ACA insurance policies.

Emails from any unsolicited source need to be treated with scepticism, blocked or designated as spam.

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