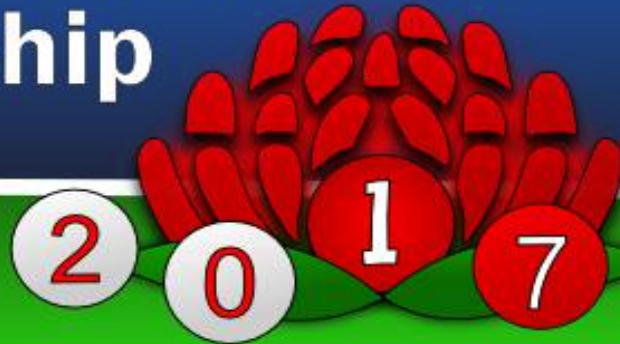


Australian Gateball Championship

Bateau Bay, NSW



13th-15th October 2017

The event will be held at the EDSACC Sports Complex, The Entrance Road, Bateau Bay, New South Wales Australia.

Gateball players from Australia and around the world are invited to attend

Situated almost 100 km to the north of Sydney, Bateau Bay is just a few kilometers south of the Entrance. It is bounded by the lakes, lagoons and beaches of this beautiful stretch of coast.

The area can be reached by car, traffic permitting, in one and a half hours from Sydney Airport or in an hour from Newcastle Airport. Trains from Sydney Airport to Sydney's Central Station can connect with trains to Gosford. The nearby interchange has buses to EDSACC and on to the Entrance. Airport shuttles may also be able to be booked.

With an average October temperature of just below 20°C on the Central Coast in October, it will be a perfect time to visit and enjoy some gateball.

Closing date for entries is Tuesday 22nd August 2017



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

EVENT INFORMATION

- Event:** Held every two years, the Australian Gateball Championship is Australia's premier gateball event. Teams from Australia and around the world are expected to attend.
- Program:**
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| Friday 13 th October | Practice, managers' meeting, information sessions, friendly team games, opening ceremony. |
| Saturday 14 th October | League matches. |
| Sunday 15 th October | League matches and finals. |
- Venue:** EDSACC Sports Complex, The Entrance Road, Bateau Bay, New South Wales
- 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 affiliated with either their Gateball or National Croquet Organisation.
- Number of Teams:** The competition will be 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 Friday's Practice
- Rules:** Matches will be played under the World Gateball Union rules current at the time of the event.
- Conditions:** The competition will be conducted according to the policies of the Australian Croquet Association and Croquet New South Wales.
- Referees:** All matches will be conducted with a referee. All teams will have refereeing duties, each team needs referees, please indicate on the entry form who is/are the qualified referee(s).
- 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 numbers 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, this includes 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.

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

Event Management: Coordinator of Gateball, Gateball Australia, John Park, 0448 227 467, 02 7887 6885, info@gateball.com.au
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President, EDSACC, Ian McKinnon, ianmac@asecomputing.com

Entry Details: **Australian teams** should register through the ACA's website at <https://croquet-australia.com.au/> or <https://croquet-australia.com.au/tournaments> Scroll through the pages if the links are not immediately visible.

International teams should email info@gateball.com.au to ask for an entry form. Any individual overseas players who wish to participate should also email to see if they can be placed in a composite team.

Entry Fee: AUD \$175 per team non-refundable. The preferred payment method is by EFT details are provided on the entry form or through the ACA website

Accommodation: Teams are responsible for organising their own accommodation, transfers and transport to venue and return to accommodation.

Packages from a local travel agent will also be circulated before the closing dates for entries

The local Visitor Information Centre has provided the following link to local accommodation. Please contact them for advice if you need it.
<http://bookings.visitcentralcoast.com.au/accommodation>

Meals

Friday: Teams to provide their own breakfast and lunches. Bateau Bay Square, a large shopping centre with a variety of food outlets is accessible by a 5 minute walk through an underpass.
Food will be provided at the opening ceremony

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

Competitors are encouraged to attend a tournament dinner to be held at a nearby club. 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 from the EDSACC club. Further information will be circulated well before the event. Refreshments will be available at the closing ceremony.