



Australian Gateball Championships 2023



Doubles and Teams

7th – 10th September 2023



Australian Gateball
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Organising Body:	Gateball Australia
Host Club:	Wodonga Croquet Club
Venue:	Wodonga Croquet Club Wodonga Tennis Centre, Corner of Melrose Drive and Lawrence Street (parking is accessible from Dalgleish Street) Wodonga, Victoria 3690 Australia
Program:	Wednesday 6 th September 2023 – afternoon practice Thursday 7 th September to Friday 8 th September 2023 – Doubles Friday 8 th September to Sunday 10 th September 2023 – Teams
Tournament Manager:	Ros Crowe - info@gateball.com.au
Assistant Tournament Manager:	Kathie Maloney
Tournament Referee:	Bruce McAlister
Assistant Tournament Referee:	Keith Chur-Hansen
Eligibility:	Eligibility to participate in tournaments conducted by Gateball Australia is restricted to affiliated players and overseas players affiliated to an organisation which is recognised by the World Gateball Union, the Asia Pacific Gateball Union or the World Croquet Federation. The eligibility requirement applies to all players, managers and referees. Other international players will be welcomed at the discretion of the National Coordinator – Gateball Australia.
Rules:	Matches will be played according to the Official Gateball Rules and Guide for Referees and Gateball Australia Tournament Regulations (including Alternative Rules for Doubles Tournaments), current at the time of the event.
Conditions of play:	<p>The ACA trading as Gateball Australia Tournament Regulations are applied to all tournaments and events in Australia.</p> <p>For team entries, all teams must be named according to the ACA affiliated club that the team members belong to. In the event of a composite team – only ACA affiliated clubs will be named in the title of the team. In the event of more than one team from an ACA affiliated club, the team names can be distinguished by numbers or colours, e.g. Wodonga One, Wodonga Two, Wodonga White or Wodonga Blue.</p> <p>For doubles entries, both players and their respective ACA affiliated clubs will be named.</p>

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Format:

A maximum of 24 teams will be accepted for the team event.

Team matches will be played in block format with finals played.

A maximum of 48 teams will be accepted for the doubles event.

Doubles matches will be played in block format and may require knock out rounds depending on the number of teams entered. Finals will be played.

The finals format will depend on the number of blocks required and will be determined when the number of entries is known. The event management committee will decide the event format and reserve the right to change the event format as necessary in the event of unfavourable weather or other events that impact on player safety.

Referees:

All teams will be required to perform referee duties.

Note: Teams (including doubles teams) that do not have an ACA accredited referee or an approved referee-in-training may not be accepted into the event.

Team Captains of teams that do not have an accredited referee must email the Tournament Manager and the Tournament Referee to discuss options for their team, before the tournament entry will be considered.

Referees in training may be approved as a team referee by the Tournament Referee and this must occur before the tournament entry can be accepted.

The Tournament Manager has the final decision as to the teams that are accepted to play in the event.

Equipment:

Gateball courts will be prepared with lines or tapes, gates, balls and scoreboards. Players shall provide their own sticks and watch timers. Player's bibs are required for team matches. Bibs must display the player number and must not display any advertising. Bibs are not required for doubles matches.

Dress Code:

All teams are required to wear a uniform. As a minimum, players should wear matching shirts and pants. Flat soled athletic enclosed shoes are required. A hat is advisable.

Entry Fees:

Doubles: \$20 per team **Teams:** \$180 per team
Entry fees include GST and are non-refundable.



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Prizes and Trophies:

Doubles:

Australian Gateball Championship Perpetual Doubles Trophy will be presented and individual trophies will be awarded.

Cash prize of \$300 to the winning team and \$200 to second place.

Teams:

Australian Gateball Championship Teams Perpetual Trophy will be presented and individual trophies will be awarded.

Cash prize of \$900 to the winning team and \$600 to second place.

Closing date for entries:

Entries and payment are due Friday 11th August 2023.

Entry forms emailed to:

National Coordinator – Gateball: info@gateball.com.au

Payment will be via:

Direct deposit to:
Australian Croquet Association
Commonwealth Bank
BSB no. 062-919
Account no. 1027 2913
Reference: GB Team Name

Proof of payment must be emailed to:

National Coordinator – Gateball: info@gateball.com.au

ACA Administrative Officer: admin@croquet-australia.com.au

Draw conducted:

Sunday 13th August

Gateball Scores:

Game scores will be reported on Gateball Scores and a manual record will be located at the venue.



Catering:

Players are responsible for paying for their own meals and drinks.

Morning and afternoon tea and lunches can be pre-ordered from the venue and host club.

A formal dinner is planned for Saturday 9th September.

Food order forms and payment are due Friday 11th August 2023.

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Accommodation:

Players are responsible for organising their own accommodation, and transport to the venue. While limited accommodation is available in Wodonga, some accommodation in Albury is around a 10 minute drive to the Wodonga Tennis Centre. For more information see the Albury Visitor Information Centre website at:
<https://www.visitalburywodonga.com>

Best Western - Hovell Tree Inn 614 Hovell Street Albury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurant • Breakfast available • From \$290 per night
Albury Paddlesteamer 324 Wodonga Place Albury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurant • Breakfast available • From \$145 per night
Elm Court Motel 435 Townsend Street Albury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast available • From \$130 per night
Quest Albury on Townsend 450 Townsend Street Albury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From \$180 per night

Australian Team Selection:

Playing performance at this event will be considered by the Selection Committee formed to select Australian Representative Teams, as outlined in the ACA trading as [Gateball Australia Gateball Selection Policy](#).

Note: Australian players wishing to be considered for selection in an Australian Representative Team must have notified the National Coordinator – Gateball in writing (by the Australian Gateball Championship entry form or by email), that they wish to be considered for selection, prior to the closing date of entries on Friday 11th August 2023.



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Planned schedule of events:

The following schedule is offered as a guide and may be subject to change.

Practice:

Practice lawns will be available on Wednesday 6th September from 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

Doubles Event:

Thursday 7th September 2023

7.00am till 8.00am - Registration

8.00am to 8.20am - Welcome and Doubles Team Briefing with TM/TR

Games Start: 8.30am

Games Conclude: 5.00pm

Doubles Event:

Friday 8th September 2023

7.00am to 7.30am – Registration

8.00am – Doubles Semi -Finals

9.00am – Doubles Final

9.30am to 10.00am – Doubles Presentation

10.00am Morning Tea

Teams Event:

Friday 8th September 2023

7.00am till 8.00am – Registration and Team Bag Pickup

8.00am till 8.30am – TM briefing with Team Managers (or team representative if the team managers are playing in the Doubles finals).

8.00am to 9.30am - Practice courts available for teams

9.30am to 10.00am – Doubles Presentation

10.00am Morning Tea

10.30am to 11.00am – TR briefing with team referees

11.00am to 11.15am – Team preparation for Opening Ceremony

11.15am -12.45pm - Opening Ceremony

Team line up and photos

Welcome and acknowledgement of Traditional Owners - ACA

Welcome to area – Local Representative

Entertainment and National Anthem

Introduction of visiting officials and teams – NCGB and State Coordinators

Ceremonial hit through gate – Local Representative

Close of ceremony



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12.45pm to 1.15pm Lunch

1.30pm Team Games Commence

5.00pm Games conclude

Saturday 9th September 2023

7.00am to 8.00am Registration

8.00am to 8.30am TM/TR Player/Manager meeting if required

8.30am Team Games Commence

5.00pm Games Conclude

6.30pm Formal Dinner at Commercial Club Albury

Sunday 10th September 2023

7.00am to 8.00am Registration

8.00am to 8.30am TM/TR Player/Manager meeting if required

8.30am Team Games Commence

4.00pm Team Presentation

4.30pm Closing Ceremony

5.00pm Tournament concludes