

# Code of Conduct Policy

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### 1. BACKGROUND

Australian Gateball Union (AGU) is a registered name and uses it for Gateball operations. The AGU is recognised as a Sporting Organisation for Gateball in Australia.

All Gateball tournaments and events held in Australia will be conducted in line with the following rules and guidelines.

### 2. RULES AND GUIDELINES

#### *(i) World Gateball Union Rules and Guidelines for Referees*

Gateball tournaments and events held in Australia are played under the current World Gateball Union (WGU) Rules and Guidelines for Referees unless otherwise provided for and advertised.

[https://gateball.or.jp/wgu/play/play\\_05.html](https://gateball.or.jp/wgu/play/play_05.html)

#### *(ii) AGU Australian Tournament Rules and Code of Conduct*

The AGU Australian Tournament Rules apply to all Gateball events in Australia, unless otherwise provided for and advertised. Gateball specifics will be interpreted according to the current World Gateball Union Rules and Guidelines for Referees or decisions of the AGU Referee and other rules, guidelines and precedents of the AGU.

The AGU Code of Conduct applies to everyone involved in Gateball and sets out the standards of behaviour expected of them.

#### *(iii) AGU Rules and Guidelines*

The following rules and guidelines apply to all Gateball events in Australia.

- a. AGU – Deciding the winner when points are tied

Refer to WGU Rules

- b. AGU – Disagreeing with Referee Decision

Refer to WGU Rules

- c. AGU – Indicating where to stroke or spark ball

Refer to WGU Rules

The following rules and guidelines apply to specific Gateball events in Australia.

- d. AGU – Rules for Singles Matches – Refer to AGU Rules
- e. AGU – Rules for Gateball Doubles Matches – Refer to AGU Rules
- f. AGU – Rules for Gateball Triples Matches – Refer to AGU Rules

Where these rules and guidelines do not include sufficient guidance, the Tournament Committee should specify additional details in published tournament conditions.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

- (i) Eligibility to compete in tournaments and events conducted by AGU, affiliated clubs and overseas players affiliated to an organisation which is a member of the World Croquet Federation or is recognised by the World Gateball Union.
- (ii) Other international players will be welcomed at the discretion of the AGU Board providing any inclusion does not conflict with AGU's obligations with the World Gateball Union. Affiliated members and clubs should feel welcome to invite overseas Gateball organisations, clubs or individuals to compete in all AGU Gateball Events and advise AGU of the intentions.
- (ii) WGU rules allow the appointment of a non-playing Manager of a Gateball team. A non-playing manager also needs to be an AGU affiliated and financial member.

### **4. OFFICIALS**

- (i) Gateball events will have a tournament committee, consisting of at least a tournament manager and tournament referee<sup>6</sup>. The tournament committee may include an assistant tournament manager, assistant tournament referee, a venue manager.
- (ii) All tournament committee members must be AGU affiliated and financial members and are bound by the AGU Code of Conduct.
- (iii) Tournament committee members are not prohibited from playing in the tournament at which they are officiating.

### **5. TOURNAMENT REFEREE, DEPUTY TOURNAMENT REFEREE AND REFEREEING**

- (i) The tournament referee will be an AGU accredited referee and must abide by:
  - (a) AGU – Event/Tournament Referee
  - (b) AGU's Officials' Code of behaviour
- (ii) The tournament referee should make every effort to ensure that all team games are conducted with a Chief Referee, Assistant Referee, Recorder / Timer and Linespersons.
- (iii) At a minimum, all games should be conducted with a Gateball accredited referee or referee in training<sup>8</sup> and a recorder who is the official time keeper for the game.
- (iv) Teams should have, or organise to have, a Gateball accredited referee or referee in training to assist with their refereeing duties. If a team does not have an accredited referee, the team captain

must contact the Tournament Referee prior to the commencement of the event to make arrangements for accredited referees to assist with the team's refereeing duties during the event.

(v) When referee decisions are challenged, the AGU Guideline – Disagreeing with Referee Decision should be followed. Any issues that the Tournament Referee cannot solve should be referred to the AGU Referee Committee through the AGU Board or an International referee.

## **6. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES**

(i) Players shall provide their own sticks.

(ii) Players must wear enclosed flat soled footwear<sup>9</sup> and the team uniform.

a. The team uniform will be in matching team colours for shirts (long or short sleeve), pants/shorts/skirts and hat/cap.

b. The same uniform rule applies for doubles teams or triples teams.

(iii) Players must wear numbered bibs for team events.

(iv) Players may be requested to wear numbered bibs or badges for triples events<sup>10</sup>.

(v) All players are required to assist with refereeing, recording, linesperson and scoring / timekeeping duties when their team has refereeing duties.

## **7. THE DRAW**

(i) A draw should maximise the number of games each team can play in the time available while at the same time producing a clear winner. This means that most Gateball tournaments should be conducted as a "round robin" or a "block draw" format.

(ii) The tournament committee will decide the final format for an event and any changes thereafter due to weather or other conditions.

(iii) The time allocated to each round is at the discretion of the tournament committee and may be adjusted throughout the event.

(iv) The draw will be circulated prior to the event start date to participating teams and published in the event program for major events. A copy will be made available at the event venue.

## **8. PLAYING CONDITIONS AND PLAYER SAFETY**

(i) The courts will comply with current World Gateball Union specifications. Lines will be painted or marked with line tapes. Scoreboards and recording sheets will be provided.

(ii) The Tournament Referee will ensure that there are sufficient timekeeping devices (clocks, wrist watch timers or a central timing system) to enable each game to be timed accurately by the official game timekeeper, the Recorder.

(iii) The Tournament Manager must ensure that for each player, emergency contact information is collected and available at the venue, to be used in the event of an emergency.

(iv) The tournament manager, tournament referee and venue manager have responsibility for the final decision concerning all matters affecting the running of the event including player safety and will consider the guidance provided in the AGU.

## **9. READINESS TO PLAY**

(i) Referees, court officials, and team captains shall be available at the nominated court of play, five (5) minutes before the start of the game for the coin toss and to present the list of team players.

(ii) Where a team has less than five players at the start of the game, the game is abandoned and the other team wins by forfeit.

(iii) Teams that are 15 minutes late for the start of a game may be deemed to have abandoned and forfeited the game. This is at the discretion of the Tournament Referee and Tournament Manager.

(iv) A player not in readiness to commence play at the appointed time may be disqualified or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Tournament Manager or the Tournament Referee.

## **10. PHOTOGRAPHY**

(i) Photography will occur during the event. Event and award presentation photography will be used for promotional purposes.

(ii) As Gateball is a team event, one individual's refusal of consent, may mean that a team photo cannot be used. Individual players who do not consent to their image being used are responsible for ensuring that at least one team photo is taken without them in the photo or they may provide consent to use the photo with their image obscured.