

## Gateball Information

### ‘Let’s Play Gateball’ DVD

For Clubs intending to introduce Gateball as another 'mallet sport' available to Club members, a DVD titled 'Let's play Gateball' is available for loan. The DVD is an excellent explanation of the game for beginners.

Contact your State Gateball Director, or the National Gateball Director to borrow the DVD. The only cost is the return postage!

### Gateball Introduction Days and Coaching

Croquet Clubs are invited to sponsor a Gateball Introduction Day to provide an opportunity for members to try this newly established game. Either the local State Gateball Director or the National Gateball Director will attend and manage the day for the Club. The programme will include an explanation of the game, basic practice and some games. Equipment can be loaned to Clubs if required.

Coaching is also available for Clubs with players that have a basic understanding of the game. The State and National Gateball Directors can provide coaching in techniques and strategy.

The cost to the Club is travelling expenses.

### ‘Gateball Rules and Guide for Referees’ Booklet

This booklet, published by the World Gateball Union, is available from the National Gateball Director for \$11 plus postage. When a club takes up Gateball seriously, the booklet is an essential reference.

The publication can also be downloaded from the World Gateball Union web site [www.gateball.jp](http://www.gateball.jp)

### Other Referee Reference Material

For referees, the following items are available from either the State Director or the National Director. A small charge will be made to cover the cost of copying the DVD/CD and for postage and packaging.

- DVD titled ‘Gateball Referee Hand Indications’
- CD titled ‘International Referee Qualification Examinations – Game Operation Terms and Wording 2005’

### ‘Improving Your Gateball’ Booklet

For players wishing to improve their skills or strategies, this is an essential reference. Although the booklet is out of print, it is available for download from the World Gateball Union web site [www.gateball.jp](http://www.gateball.jp)

## Gateball Equipment

### Sticks

Players can arrange to have their mallets (or sticks as they are called in Gateball) made locally to their own requirements within the specifications detailed in the Gateball ‘Rules and Guide for Referees’ book. Most players require a stick shaft that is longer than the shaft on imported sticks, because Aussies tend to be taller than Asian Gateball players. Also, croquet players seem to be more comfortable with a stick head that is slightly heavier than the head on imported sticks.

Sticks can also be ordered from overseas.

### Gates and Goal-pole

The gates and goal-pole can be fabricated by any local metal shop against the specifications in the ‘Rules and Guide for Referees’ book, or ordered from overseas.

**Balls**

Balls should be ordered from overseas as local manufacture would be difficult and expensive.

**Players' Number Bibs and Boundary Markers**

These items can be made locally or ordered from overseas.

**Gateball Equipment Suppliers**

The Hong Kong Gateball Association is a reliable source of equipment. Orders can be placed direct by mail or fax:

Hong Kong Gateball Association  
7F, Shanghai Centre  
473-475 Shanghai Street,  
Kowloon  
Hong Kong.

Tel: +852 2385 6082  
Fax: +852 2385 3391  
E-mail: [webmaster@hkgateball.org.hk](mailto:webmaster@hkgateball.org.hk)  
WWW: [www.hkgateball.org.hk](http://www.hkgateball.org.hk)

Equipment can be ordered for despatch by sea mail or air mail.

A huge range of Gateball equipment is available from Sun Shine Sports Company in Japan.

Sun Shine Sports Company  
5330 Shimauchi, Matsumoto  
Nagano  
Japan 390 0851.

Tel: 81 263 47 1577  
Fax: 81 263 47 6945  
E-mail: [info@sunshineace.co.jp](mailto:info@sunshineace.co.jp) For the attention of Mr Tsutomu Kakuzaki  
WWW: [www.sunshineace.co.jp](http://www.sunshineace.co.jp)

In Australia, some items of Gateball equipment are available from:

Croquet Orangewood Australia  
45 Warringa Road  
Frankston Vic 3199.

Tel/Fax: 03 9783 3000  
WWW: [www.mpw.com.au/croquet](http://www.mpw.com.au/croquet)