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# Gateball Australia

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## Referee Accreditation Framework

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### 1. Introduction

The accreditation of gateball referees is to be in accordance with this Framework established by Gateball Australia.

### 2. Date of effect

This Framework takes effect from 1 January 2010 and replaces the *Procedures for Referee Accreditation* and *Referee Accreditation Examination Guidelines* of 1 November 2005.

### 3. Definitions

- Gateball Australia (GA) is a business name used by the Australian Croquet Association (ACA) for gateball matters, including ACA membership of the World Gateball Union (WGU). All references to GA are references to the ACA.
- The WGU is the international governing gateball body.
- National Gateball Director (National Director) is an appointed officer of the ACA.
- State Gateball Directors (State Directors) are appointed officers of the state croquet associations.

### 4. Responsibility

The responsibility for this Framework rests with the National Director in consultation with the State Directors.

### 5. Referee Committee

The Referee Committee is to be established and comprise the National Director as chairman, the State Directors and up to three International level referees appointed by the National Director. The Committee shall meet at least once a year, and submit reports to the ACA. Meetings may be held by correspondence. The duties of the Committee members shall be:

- the planning, implementation, grading and evaluation of examinations;
- overseeing the specified courses to be conducted based on the course items listed in Table 1; and
- authorising the examination of International level referee candidates.

## **6. Accreditation levels**

Three levels of accreditation can be attained:

### International

International level referees may referee any gateball match in Australia or elsewhere.

Acting with the Referee Committee, an International referee can accredit other International referees.

### Level 1

Level 1 referees may referee any gateball match in Australia or elsewhere, subject to WGU requirements.

Acting with the National Director or the relevant State Director, Level 1 referees may examine for Level 2 referee accreditation.

### Level 2

This is the base level of accreditation for GA referees.

Level 2 referees may referee at state, regional or club championships and may act as an assistant referee or at the national championships organised by GA.

Until sufficient Level 1 referees are accredited, Level 2 referees may undertake Level 1 refereeing duties (with the exception of examining duties)

## **7. Examinations**

Level 1 and Level 2 referee candidates are to undertake a written and practical examination.

International referees are to undertake examinations as set out by the WGU.

## **8. Accreditation**

Those who pass the examinations are to be accredited and records made of such accreditation. The records of accreditation are to be maintained by the National Director with the list of referees to also be published on the GA website.

## **9. Obligations of referees**

Referees shall:

- attend courses or training sessions as required by GA and their relevant state association;
- aim to improve their own refereeing skills, and as competition or refereeing members, actively participate in match championships; and
- when refereeing matches, wear their appropriate badge.

## **10. Particulars**

Further details of this Framework are contained in the *Referee Accreditation Framework – Particulars*, with which this document is to be read in conjunction.

## **11. Modification of Framework**

This Framework and Particulars may be amended by GA from time to time.

## Referee Accreditation Framework – Particulars

The following clauses provide details on the gateball referee accreditation procedure and should be read in conjunction with the Referee Accreditation Framework.

### a. Eligibility

To become eligible, prospective referees must be at least 16 years of age, possess a copy of the latest official gateball rulebook and have completed any courses specified by GA; and

- to undertake the Level 2 referee examination, shall possess a minimum of one year's experience in refereeing at club level and have assisted in refereeing in at least two games at state championships;
- to undertake the Level 1 referee examination, shall possess a minimum of one year's experience as a Level 2 referee and have refereed in at least two games at state championships and assisted in at least two games at a national championship; and
- to undertake the International referee examination shall possess a minimum of one year's experience as a Level 1 referee and have refereed in at least two games at state championships and two games at a national championships.

### b. Application to take examinations

Those intending to take or retake an examination are to apply in writing to the National Director or their State Director confirming their eligibility. The application must be endorsed by the candidate's club gateball coordinator, or, if the candidate is same, by two club members with gateball knowledge and understanding.

The National Director or State Director shall assess the application content in accordance with the requirements of the Framework and, if it is confirmed that candidate is compliant, accept the application to take the examination.

### c. Examination fees

Fees for taking examinations are to be set from time to time by GA and are not refundable. Current fees are:

- Level 2                      \$25
- Level 1                      \$30
- International              \$40

#### **d. Implementation of examinations**

The examinations:

- are to be conducted based on the content listed in Table 2;
- for Level 2, shall be by a Level 1 or International referee as examiner or by the National or a State Director provided they are qualified referees;
- for Level 1, shall be by an International level referee as examiner, or by the National or a State Director provided they are qualified referees; and
- for International level, shall be by an International referee as examiner, or by the National or a State Director provided they are qualified referees.

#### **e. Evaluating and judging examinations**

In determining the pass/fail point, Examiners are to be guided by the following recommended pass/fail points:

International level examinations	Pass = 80% +
Level 1 examinations	Pass = 75% +
Level 2 examination	Pass = 70% +

#### **f. Re-examinations**

Should a candidate be unsuccessful in any examination, the candidate is not entitled to reapply to take the examination for six months following the original examination.

#### **g. Procedures following examination**

The procedures after the examination are as follows:

- the examiner notifies the candidate of the result;
- if the candidate passes, the examiner notifies the relevant State Director and the National Director. The National Director will issue the appropriate referee badge through the relevant State Director and add the referee's name to the records; and
- if a candidate fails an examination, the examiner should also inform the State Director and National Director.

#### **h. Cancellation of accreditation and disqualification**

(a) GA shall cancel the accreditation of a referee if any one of the following circumstances arises in respect of the said referee, and shall inform the referee of the cancellation:

- where an application for cancellation of registration is received from the referee; or
- where the referee's affiliation with the ACA, including the state association, has lapsed.

(b) GA may cancel the accreditation of a referee should any one of the following circumstances arises in respect of the said referee, and shall inform the referee of the cancellation:

- the referee is deemed to be unfit, for example by behaving in a way so as to be otherwise severely discredited as a referee;
- the referee fails to carry out the obligations of referees as defined below; or
- where the performance of the referee has been subject to substantiated complaints about fairness, the application of rules or performance in accordance with stipulated referee procedures.

If an individual's accreditation has been cancelled by way of:

- sub clause (a), the individual may re-apply to take the examination at any time, provided their affiliation has been renewed.
- sub clause (b), the individual is not entitled to apply to re-take the examination for 12 months following the cancellation.

GA and the state organisations can disqualify or prohibit from taking the examination those who have taken or have attempted to take the examination improperly, whether for themselves or a third person. The processes of appeal, as defined in ACA policy, shall be available in these situations. In respect of these three conditions, the referee shall have available the processes of appeal as defined in ACA policy.

**i. Matters not stipulated**

In addition to the matters stipulated, any necessary particulars relating to the implementation of specified courses and examinations will be determined by the National Director in consultation with the State Directors.

## Table 1

### **Referee Training Course Syllabus**

#### **Introduction**

Sport rules and referees  
Role and functions of referees  
Origins of gateball  
Features of gateball  
Organisation of gateball in Australia and internationally

#### **Organising a championship**

Event guidelines  
Programme  
Matters for consideration  
Match combinations and how to determine the winner

#### **Health and Safety**

Safety measures  
First aid  
Playing in inclement weather  
Insurance issues

#### **Procedures for Referee Accreditation**

Referee levels  
Requirements for accreditation  
Examinations

#### **The Game**

Playing court  
Equipment  
Teams  
Winner determination

Rights of the stoker  
Valid and invalid play  
Moving the ball  
Stroking  
Gate making and goal-pole making  
Touch and spark  
In ball, out ball

#### **Referees' Requirements and Duties**

Attitude and dress  
Duties of referees, recorders and linesmen  
Decisions  
Mistakes  
Scorecards

#### **Official Gateball Rules & Guide for Referees 2007**

How to use the Rule Book  
Other material available

#### **Game Progression**

Preparation  
Match start and completion  
Scoring and win determination  
Perfect game  
Forfeiture

#### **Cooperation between First and Second Referees**

Decision-making positions  
First gate  
Touch and Sparking

## Table 2

### **Referee Examination Content**

#### **Level 2 Referee Examination**

Official Gateball Rules

Guide for Referees

#### **Level 2 Referee Practical Examination**

Referee hand indications

Practical knowledge of Fouls

Practical understanding of game situations

Test as referee in a match situation

#### **Level 1 Referee Examination**

Official Gateball Rules

Guide for Referees

#### **Level 1 Referee Practical Examination**

Referee hand Indications

Practical knowledge of fouls

Practical understanding of game situations

Test of referee in match situation

#### **International written examination**

Will be consistent with directions from the WGU.