

Doubles Event 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 Team Event 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025



### Organising Body:

Gateball Australia

**Toronto Croquet Club** 

Host Club:

Venue:

Toronto Croquet Club Lake Macquarie Croquet Centre Bill Bower Oval Frederick Street, Glendale, NSW 2285 Australia. Parking is accessible via the main entrance to the facility, off Main Road.



Tournament Contact:	Ros Crowe - International Liaison – Gateball Australia All enquiries should be directed by email to <u>info@gateball.com.au</u>
Tournament Manager: Tournament Referee:	Petula Shun – NSW State Gateball Coordinator Philip Brown – Victorian State Gateball Coordinator/International Referee
Program:	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Doubles Event Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October to to Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Team Event
Eligibility:	Eligibility to participate in tournaments conducted by <u>Gateball Australia</u> 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 Gateball Australia.

Each doubles team must have <u>two players only</u>, one of whom must be the captain. No substitution is permitted. Each doubles team must have a manager. The manager may be one of the players. All matches will be conducted with a chief referee and a recorder. All teams will have refereeing duties and each team needs <u>one accredited referee</u> and one recorder.



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#### Teams Event

Each team must have five to eight players. Each team must have a manager. The manager may be one of the players. All matches will be conducted with a refereeing team. All teams will have refereeing duties and each team needs 2 referees (at least one that is an accredited referee), one recorder and 2 linespersons.

Teams without accredited referees will need to discuss their entry with the International Liaison – Gateball Australia by emailing <u>info@gateball.com.au</u>.

- Entry to Australia: Gateball Australia has registered the event with the appropriate authorities to ensure that players who need visas to enter Australia are assisted in a timely manner. Additional information about visas will be issued with entry forms. The information requested in entry forms will be used to provide a letter of invitation from Gateball Australia to support visa applications.
- Rules:
   Matches will be played according to the <u>Official Gateball Rules</u> and <u>Gateball</u>

   <u>Australia Tournament Regulations</u> (including Alternative Rules for Doubles Tournaments), current at the time of the event.
- **Conditions:** The competition will be conducted according to <u>Gateball Australia's policies</u> current at the time of the event.
- **Format:** Matches will be played in block format with finals. 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 final 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.
- **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 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 sporting shoes are required. A hat is advisable.
- Entry Fees: Doubles: \$AUD 45 per person

Teams: \$AUD 45 per person

Entry fees include morning tea and afternoon tea, unlimited tea and coffee. Payment information is provided with the entry forms.



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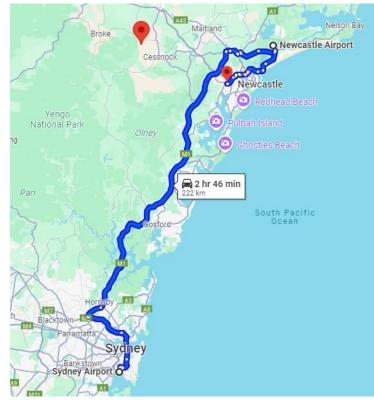
Prizes:	Doubles:
	Medals: 1 <sup>st</sup> placed team and 2 <sup>nd</sup> placed team
	Teams:
	Medals: 1 <sup>st</sup> placed team and 2 <sup>nd</sup> placed team
Expressions of interest:	By <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b> international teams or individuals interested in attending this event must email <u>info@gateball.com.au</u> to register an expression of interest and seek entry forms.
	Please provide contact details for the person to be sent the entry form and corresponding documentation and the person who will be responsible for returning the entry documentation. Please advise the team name and the national organisation to which the players, managers and referees are affiliated.
Entry forms:	Entry forms will only be provided to international teams or individuals who have expressed interest in attending the event by Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025. <b>Entries for all international teams close Sunday 15th June 2025.</b>
Meals and drinks:	Morning Tea and Afternoon Tea including unlimited tea, coffee and hot water are included in the entry fees.
	There is a canteen on site for the purchase of drinks at <b>\$2 each</b> .
	Lunch can be pre-ordered for <b>\$10 per day</b> for sandwich options and piece of fruit. There is a BBQ dinner planned on Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October at the venue after play at a cost of <b>\$25 per person</b> which will include meat, chicken, salad, rolls and dessert. With advance notice we can cater for dietary requirements.
	Lunch and the BBQ dinner need to be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Food order forms will be provided with team entry forms.
	Please note: there are no refrigeration facilities at the venue available for players and the venue is a no alcohol venue as it is on council property.
Accommodation:	Teams are responsible for organising their own accommodation, transfers and transport to the venue and return to accommodation. See below for transport and accommodation guides.



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# Getting to Glendale (NSW, Australia)



Glendale is situated in the Lake Macquarie Region of New South Wales, Australia.

Glendale is situated 222km north of Sydney. The closest major city is Newcastle.

You can fly from Sydney Airport to Newcastle Airport (Williamtown) with a direct 45 minute flight. You can drive from Newcastle Airport to Glendale (33 min).

You can drive to Glendale from Sydney (2hr 46 min).

There are train services from Sydney Airport to Glendale (3hr 30min).

Glendale has a range of transport including taxis, public buses and rental cars.



The Lake Macquarie Croquet Centre, located at Bill Bower Oval, is an 11 minute walk to the Glendale City Centre shopping and food outlets.



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## Accommodation:

Accommodation is available in Glendale and Newcastle (a 33 minute drive from Glendale) and surrounding areas.

As a guide, accommodation in Glendale and Newcastle starts from \$AUD 250 to \$AUD 300 per night per room. Full payment, deposits or pre-authorisation on a credit card may be required by the accommodation provider.

For more information see the Lake Macquarie visitor information website at:

https://www.visitlakemac.com.au/