### MONGOLIAN NATIONAL SPORTS

The three men's sports, horse racing, archery, and national wrestling, are the most popular sports in Mongolia which every Mongolian loves to watch and play. The biggest festival called "Naadam" is held for these games every year.







Naadam is the biggest traditional festival in Mongolia, a locally termed "eriin gurvan naadam" or "the three games of men". It is held in Ulaanbaatar city during the National Holiday from July 11 to 13. It begins with an introduction ceremony featuring dancers, athletes, horse riders, and musicians.



## ARCHERY





#### Archery in the 13<sup>th</sup> century

Archery in the modern time

## DETAILS ABOUT BOWS



## <u>Mongolian horn bow</u> - one of the main category of bow family

- Weight 10-16 pound
- Shooting distance 350 yards
- Wooden frame 40-45 inch

Made with: Bow - horn, wood, animal skin, glue and sinew Arrow - wood, metal and feather



#### English Long Bow

- Weight: 7-8 pound
- Shooting distance: 250 yards

### RULES OF THE ARCHERY





### **Distance from target**

- Men 75 meters
- Women 60 meters

### Each competitor must :

- shoot 40 times
- try to hit red targets

## HORSE RACING



### ABOUT HORSE RACING

The most popular sport in Mongolia is horse racing. There's no country out there to match Mongolians' love for horses. Traditionally, the horse is one of the common types of transportation. Then, racing them comes naturally and has been done for centuries.

### "NOMADIC PERSON IS BORN IN THE SADDLE"

#### Horse racing rules:

- divided into six categories based on age of the horses
- race from 10 miles to 17 miles depend on age of the horses
- children from the ages of 5-13 are chosen as jockeys



### DO YOU KNOW MONGOLIANS HAVE GOT SPECIAL NAMES FOR THEIR HORSES?

#	Mongolian name of the horses	English
1	Daaga	2 years old horse
2	Shudlen	3 years old horse
3	Khyzaalan	4 years old horse
4	Soyolon	5 years old horse
5	Ikh nas	6 years old horse
6	Azraga	after 7 years old

## WRESTLING



- Bokh, the Mongolian word for wrestling, has a history of more than 2,000 years.
- It means to force an opponent to touch any part of their body other than the feet to the ground, placing them in a position of inferiority
- Genghis Khan considered wrestling to be an important way to keep his army in good physical and combat shape.

## SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT WRESTLING



No weight limit No age limit No field line No time limit Have authority to choose an opponent based on their ranking. Mongolian wrestling is the most popular national sport and a vital cultural piece for all Mongols around the world. When a male child is born in a family, Mongolians wish him to become a wrestler.



## WRESTLING RANKINGS

	Titles	Round
6	Nachin (falcon)	5 th round
5	Hartsaga (hawk)	6 th round
4	Zaan (elephant)	7 th round
3	Garudi (a bird)	8 th round
2	Arslan (lion)	9 th round
1	Avraga (titan)	Wrestler who won The Naadam at least 2 times
		are awarded.



#### The largest Mongolian wrestling tournament

The largest Mongolian wrestling tournament involved 6,002 participants. It was organized by the Mongolian National Wrestling Federation (Mongolia) and was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, between 17 and 25 September 2011.



### DO YOU KNOW ANY OTHER FAMOUS SPORTS IN MONGOLIA?



### **SUMO**

Starting in 1991, Mongolians began to become especially prominent in sumo; as of 2005, Mongolians composed roughly 5% of all ranked sumo wrestlers, making them more than 60% (37 out of 61) of non-Japanese <u>rikishi</u> in Japan



Yokozuna Asashoryu Height:184.0cm Weight:147.0kg





Yokozuna Hakuho Height:192.0cm Weight:154.0kg Ozeki Harumafuji Height:185.0cm Weight:128.5kg

### JUDO

The fascinating success story of Mongolian judo can be traced back to back to the middle ages when Genghis Khan's warriors conquered half of the world. They were skillful in martial arts and molded by fighting sports but none more so than traditional wrestling.



### SHAGAI

Shagai (Anklebone) games are an important part of Mongolian traditional games. There are myriad kinds of anklebone(shagai) games which attract both children and adults.







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