

# jogo que deposita 5 reais

polo , game played on horseback between two teams of four players each who use mallets with long, flexible handles to drive a wooden ball down a grass field and between two goal posts.

It is the oldest of equestrian sports.

History:

A game of Central Asian origin, polo was first played in Persia (Iran)

at dates given from the 6th century bc to the 1st century ad.

Polo was at first a training game for cavalry units, usually the king's

guard or other elite troops.

To the warlike tribesmen, who played it with as many as 100 to a side,

it was a miniature battle.

In time polo became a Persian national sport played extensively by the nobility.

Women as well as men played the game, as indicated by references

to the queen and her ladies engaging King Khosrow II Parviz and his courtiers

in the 6th century ad.

From Persia the game spread to Arabia, then to Tibet (the English word polo)

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In China (910) the death of a favoured relative in a game prompted

Emperor A-pao-chi to order the beheading of all surviving players.

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Polo was introduced into India by the Muslim conquerors in the

13th century; but, although the game had been described in Sir Anthony Sherley

's Travels to Persia (1613), the first Europeans to play the game

were British tea planters in Assam, who formed the first European polo

club in 1859 at Silchar.

The Calcutta Polo Club was formed in the early 1860s.

Polo spread rapidly after a captain in the 10th Hussars stationed

in India saw a match early in 1866 and immediately formed a team

from among his fellow officers.

Before the year ended, informal matches were held between British cavalry

units stationed in India.

In 1869 a challenge round was held between the 10th Hussars

and the 9th Lancers in England.

At this time there were eight men to a side and almost no rules.

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Polo grew rapidly in England, with matches at Richmond Park and Hurlingham

attracting more than 10,000 spectators by 1875.

After it had been introduced by the military, the sport of polo remained

popular with them but also spread to the universities and was popular