

## NATIONAL GAME “KOKPAR”

Each person has his own hobby. I like riding a horse. I started it when I turned 9 and my parents gave me a horse for my birthday.

Of course, like all children sometimes I wanted to spend more time with my friends, and not take care of the horse. But when I became older and one day, I asked my grandfather what kind of sport can be done if I love horses. Grandfather told me about the national games of Kokpar and Baige. From this two games I liked Kokpar.

He said that Kokpar is one of the most popular national sports games in Kazakhstan. In it, riders fight for a gallop for a miter's carcass, which must be thrown into Kazandyk. The team consists of 12 participants, but only 4 horsemen from each team play on the field. Two identical “cauldrons” are located along the edges, which are protected by rivals. The game has one more pleasant moment for the players. After the game, a national dish is prepared from the “broken” goat. Previously, it was customary to give the meat to those houses where the child was recently born or who was planned to be a wedding one. Kokpar is a sport for men.

Now I play kokpar with my friends. They also like to ride a horse like me. We like wasting our time. We know that playing Kokpar help us be strong and brave like real man.

