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When

The history and origins of the sport

The first recording on the game was in the year 1717. Banatske Sore is a sport, similar to baseball that is played in the town of Tomasevac in Serbia. On the field around Tomaševac, and in the village itself, fierce fighting took place in which about 23,000 soldiers took part and about 450 people died. Tomaševac is today, most famous for the World Championships in Banatske Sore.

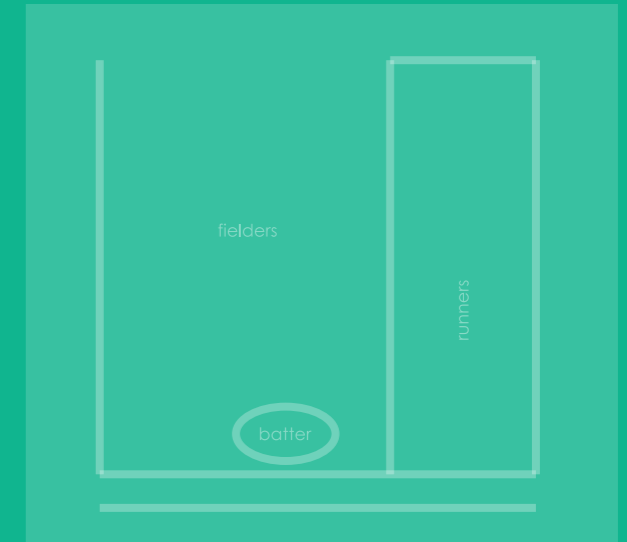
Where

What type of playing area is required?

The game is played in various locations but in a small and casual manner. Based in Serbia, the game is played among corn fields, on town ovals, and even on the street. Like backyard cricket, the game can be played anywhere that there is sufficient room.

Locations: countries, regions, cities etc. where it is played most regularly

The game is originated in Serbia and is still played there currently in different areas. Mainly, it is played throughout the territory of Vojvodina, and is most popular in towns such as Tomaševac and Orlovat.



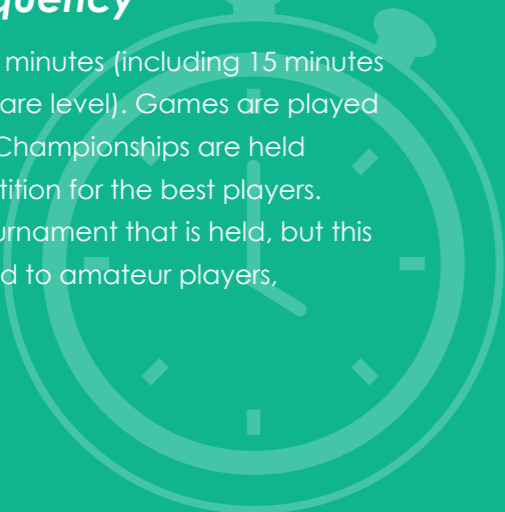
How

Scoring system and winning the game

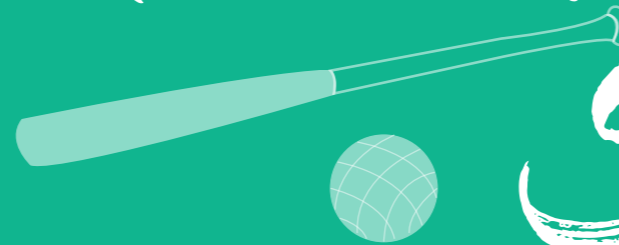
The point is achieved by each player of the striking team, after having played at least one of the three strikes, should run the distance from BASE 1 to BASE 2 and back. One player - 1 point. The team in the field tries to catch the ball and hit the opposing players that are in the running phase. If a runner is hit by the ball they are out. If they get to the base they score 1 point.

Game duration and division; time and frequency

Game duration: 60 minutes (including 15 minutes extra time if scores are level). Games are played weekly. The World Championships are held annually, a competition for the best players. There is a yearly tournament that is held, but this competition is suited to amateur players, including juniors.



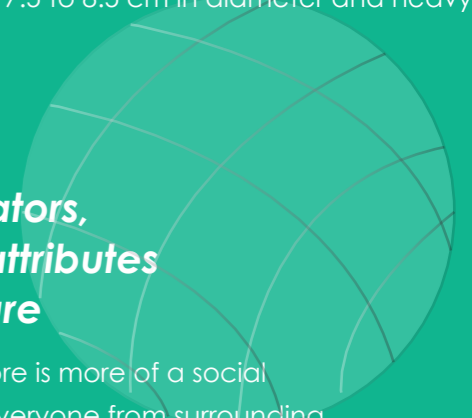
Banatske Sore



What

Equipment needed

Requirements required for the game are batons and balls. The stick can be baseball or handmade, with a maximum length of 104cm, a maximum diameter of 7cm and a regular circular profile with its entire length. The ball is crushed, handmade, red, 7.5 to 8.5 cm in diameter and heavy.



Who

Participants or players, how many, of what type

There are 10 players in each team, with a maximum of 5 players on the bench. All players love the sport and this sense of passion is what they all have in common. All body types are accepted in Banatske Sore, players may or may not be athletic.

The scale: Participation and popularity with players

Many players are locals in the town Tomasevac. The sport has a very small following and is well known to locals in the town of Tomasevac as well as surrounding towns. Banatske Sore is a sport that is also popular with young players. Due to the history of the sport, young children are encouraged to get involved with the game.

Leagues, divisions, competitions and championships

Currently there is only one league/ division being played, in the territory of Vojvodina. There is one championship played mostly around the time of Easter each year, in the current league there are 14 teams competing.



Popularity spectators, demographics, attributes or attitudes/culture

The game of Banatske Sore is more of a social culture game, bringing everyone from surrounding towns to watch the game on most weekends. Although the culture is not extended to other countries, Banatske Sore is popular among townspeople and is like Melbourne's Saturday morning footy game on a smaller scale.

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