

PROSPECTUS

11th MANIPUR POLO INTERNATIONAL

(NOVEMBER 22 – 29, 2017)

Organised by: Manipur Horse Riding & Polo Association, Lamphelpat (Imphal), Manipur

The Manipur Polo International is the only International Open Invitation Polo Tournament played on the Manipuri Pony, the original Polo Pony, under the IPA rules.

The Tournament is organized with the prime objectives of conserving the Manipuri Pony and preventing its extinction, popularize the game in its place of origin and making Manipur a Polo Tourist destination. It is also intended to remind the world that the present day Polo originated from Manipur's traditional "Sagol Kangjei".

Now, the Tournament has become an integral part of the Sangai Festival – the State's Tourism Festival organized every year during November 21 to 30 at Imphal.

Conduct of tournament:

The Tournament will be conducted under rules of Indian Polo Association with some local amendments. As a unique feature of the tournament, the players shall be mounted exclusively on Manipuri Pony (Height 12-13 hands).

Journey: The players are to meet the to and fro journey expenses up to Imphal by themselves.

VISA: The players themselves are to arrange for VISA clearance for visiting India. No separate permission is required for visiting Imphal, Manipur (India) once VISA is obtained.

Number of players: Each team will have five players including one reserve player and one Manager/Coach.

Handicap: The tournament will be an open one and no handicapping rules shall be applied. Manipuri players are not officially assessed for handicapping by the IPA.

Play: The tournament shall be played on league cum knock-out basis. Each play of the Tournament shall be of 4 Chukkers of 7 minutes each.

Mounts: Each team shall be allotted a group of 10 Ponies before every match by lot. To give equal opportunities to both the opponent teams, the ponies shall be exchanged at the half time. No ponies will be permitted to play two Chukkers consecutively. A veterinary team shall inspect the ponies to check their fitness before and during the matches. The ponies shall be numbered.

Venue: The matches shall be played at the historic Mapal Kangjeibung, the oldest living Pologround of the world, the present size of the Pologround is 190 meters x 90 meters.

Date of submission of entries: All entries of participating teams should reach the Hony. President, Manipur Horse Riding & Polo Association on or before 20 October, 2017 along with names of players.

Draws: The draw for the tournament shall be conducted by the Organizing Committee on November 21, 2017 in presence of Teams. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to alter the date/timings due to administrative or other reasons.

Umpires & Referees: An Umpiring Panel shall be drawn by the Organizing Committee from amongst the officials and players.

Dress code: Players and Umpires will be required to strictly adhere to the dress code on the field and at the time of Prize distribution.

Teams are to bring their own shirts which should be of the same design and colour with the Chest Nos. as well as polo sticks, boots, helmets, etc. The teams are advised to bring two sets shirts, one Light colour and one dark colour. This is in view of the Teams with similar colour. Polo sticks are usually 46" to 48".

Hospitality: All teams, including family members will be taken care of from the time of arrival at Imphal till their departure.

Accommodation: All the teams will be accommodated at Hotel Classic Grande

All the players and family members are advised to bring formal dresses as ceremonial occasions and official functions are held during the tournament. Men are advised to bring coat or jacket and tie.

Day temperature at Imphal during last week of November will be around 19 to 21 Degrees Celsius. However the night temperature will fall to 6 - 8 Degrees Celsius. For a comfortable stay warm clothes are advisable.

All teams are requested to bring two National Flags (Size 6 ft x 4 ft and 5 ft x 3 ft).

All queries regarding the conduct of the tournament and any other clarification be addressed the undersigned.

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Hony. President,
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