

Sport Hockey History:

Games played with [curved sticks](#) and a ball can be found in the histories of many cultures. In [Egypt](#), 4000-year-old carvings feature teams with sticks and a projectile, [hurling](#) dates to before 1272 BC in [Ireland](#), and there is a depiction from approximately 600 BC in [Ancient Greece](#), where the game may have been called *kerētízein* (κερητίζειν) because it was played with a horn or horn-like stick (*kéras*, κέρας).^[10] In [Inner Mongolia](#), the [Daur people](#) have been playing *beikou*, a game similar to modern field hockey, for about 1,000 years.^[11]

Most evidence of hockey-like games during the [Middle Ages](#) is found in legislation concerning sports and games. The [Galway](#) Statute enacted in Ireland in 1527 banned certain types of ball games, including games using "hooked" (written "hockie", similar to "hooky") sticks.