

Game Guide

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1. Toguz Korgool is a traditional mancala game played all over the World. Especially famous in Central Asia: Kazakhstan (known as a *toguz kumalak*), Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. It's also played in some parts of Russia (Altay, Khakassia, Tuva, Tatarstan, Yakutia, Karachay-Cherkassia), by Kyrgyz
tribes in
northern east of Afghanistan and Van province in Turkey (
doguz korgol
) , Western Mongolia and northern west of China (Urumchy).

2. The origin of the game might be related to the spread of Islam and it's cultural artifacts. Some Kazakh experts related with Mongols and the Golden Horde (XIV). However, we found some lines about this game in the Kyrgyz epic "*Manas*". The epic born out of the heroic efforts of Kyrgyz tribal lords in AD 840.

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Illustration of the hero "Alp" from "Sajyrai Korgool" version (Kyrgyzstan)



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1867-1930

Author of the book "Alp" (about the 1070 in Kyrgyz language in second part of epic "Manas"



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