

# WHAT IS POLO?

## BUMP

This is where a player takes their horse and “bumps” it into an opponent’s horse to prevent a play on the ball. The faster the speed, the lesser the angle that the horses can bump into each other for safety purposes.

## CHUKKER

A period of play. There are four chukkers in a collegiate arena polo game.

## HOOK

Catching an opponents mallet as its swinging

## LINE OF THE BALL (LOB)

An imaginary line produced from where the ball was hit to infinity (think of it like a laser you see acting as a “trip wire” in spy movies). You cannot cross the line of the ball - doing so results in a foul.



An example of a hook.

## NEARSIDE

Hitting the ball on the left hand side of the horse. The ball can be hit forward or backward on the nearside.

## OFFSIDE

Hitting the ball on the right hand side of the horse. The ball can be hit forward or backward on the offside.

## PENALTY SHOT

A free hit awarded when an opponent crosses the line of the ball. The type of foul awarded depends on where it occurred on the field and the severity of the infraction.

## PONY GOAL

This is when the polo pony kicks the ball into the goal - made polo ponies will do this without any prompting from the rider!

## POLO PONY

The horses are 110% of the reason why we play the game. While not often truly ponies (though you do see ponies on the field!), the name refers to any horse that plays polo. They often stand between 15.1-15.3 hands and can be any breed. The most common breeds you will see on the polo field are Argentine Thoroughbreds, Thoroughbreds, and Quarter Horses.



Thoroughbred polo pony.

## STICK AND BALL

Polo practice as an individual where the focus is on proper hitting and riding technique.



# PURDUE POLO CLUB

Learn how to play polo in a fun and friendly environment! The Purdue Polo Club provides instruction to students and non-students at Foxton Farm in Romney, IN. Opportunities to compete in United States Polo Association sanctioned tournaments are available for undergraduate and first year non-transfer graduate students. For more information, please contact us at [purduepolo@gmail.com](mailto:purduepolo@gmail.com).

