



The birth of bandy in Irkutsk, chroniclers of sports history refers to the beginning of 1924. The ancestors of Irkutsk bandy are old-timer Semyon Yakovlevich Borozdov, who moved in the early twenties from Petrograd to Irkutsk. He not only introduced the inhabitants of our city to an exciting game, but also became the first coach as well as the first referee. The palm in the creation of the Irkutsk bandy with Borozdov is shared ... by the Danes! The Danish North Telegraph Agency, which existed in Irkutsk in the early 30s, created the first bandy team.

### **IRKUTSK**

Irkutsk is one of the largest cities in Siberia in Russia, located on the Baikal Lake shore in southern Siberia. Baikal Lake is the largest sea in the world by volume. It is the deepest lake in the world with a maximum depth of 1 642 m. Irkutsk is a significant military city and seat of the Archbishop of the Russian Orthodox Church. The city is 5 185 km by rail from Moscow.

Irkutsk grew up around settlements established in 1653 by Ivan Pochabov for the collection of taxes from the locals. In 1760, the first road link was established between Moscow and Irkutsk, which contributed to rapid economic development. Trade with China increased.

### **Population**

620 099 people live in Irkutsk.

### **Arena**

Trud Stadium - The outdoor arena with a public capacity of 16 500 spectators. In 2020 the new indoor arena is ready to welcome the World Championships for men Group A, March 28-April 5 and Group B on Trud Stadium, March 29-April 9.

### **Last season**

Went to the playoffs and reached the semi-final where they were knocked out by Neftyanik with 3-0 in matches.

### **New players this season**

Alexander Boyko	Rekord, Irkutsk
Mikhail Prokopyev	Yenisei
Andrey Prokopyev	Yenisei
Vyacheslav Vdovenko	Yenisei
Alexander Egorychev	Yenisei
Egor Egorychev	Dynamo Kazan
Sergey Gan	Sibselmash, Novosibirsk

### **Players who left**

Evgeny Shadrin	Åby Tjureda
Alexey Chizov	AIK
Timofey Beznosov	Yenisei
Anton Filimonov	Volga, Ulyanovsk
Artyom Feroyan	Murman, Murmansk
Vitaly Denisov	Sibselmash, Novosibirsk
Pjotr Zaharov	Murman, Murmansk