

**The 1<sup>st</sup> International festival**  
**Of**  
**Iran Traditional Wrestling “Ba Choukhe”**



The first international festival of Iran traditional Wrestling “Ba Choukhe” held in Iran, Esfarayen town.

Ba Choukhe Wrestling has strong roots in culture of different cities and towns of Khorasan province especially in Esfarayen town.

Every year thousands of people gather in Esfarayen town to watch Ba Choukhe wrestling. The festival holds yearly only a few days after Iranian New Year in spring season.



For the first time, Iran Traditional Sports & Local Games federation decided to invite some other countries to the traditional festival of Iranians in order to expand this sport & cultural event.

Wrestlers from Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey were invited to compete in “Goude Zeynalkhan”.

Finally, delegation from Georgia and Azerbaijan were the first foreigner wrestlers who competed against Iranians at “Goude Zeynalkhan”.





“Goude Zeynalkhan” is a historic place that is actually a traditional stadium for Ba Ckhokhe wrestling festival in Esfarayen town.

About 30 thousands of the local fans gathered there to watch the festival and enjoying the sport that carries their cultures from past generations to new ones.

“The first international traditional Ba Choukhe wrestling festival received positive responses from both Iranians and foreigner guests and we hope to hold other international festivals to semonstrate our traditional sports as well as local games.” The President of Iran Traditional Sports & Local Games federation, Gholamreza Jafari said.

Some Photos of the festival:





























