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Shannon Frey takes off with the ball.
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The East Van Bike Polo Club meets at Grandview near Commercial Drive. The Grandview court was the first court built for bike polo.

Vancouver competes globally.

A Vancouver team called Crazy Canucks won the World Bike Polo Championship in Seattle in 2011.

An all female team, Ladies Army, will compete in the all-women's tournament in Toronto. They will also play in the North American championships in Minneapolis.

Bike polo is a wild ride 📖

What is bike polo?

Bike polo is played by six people on bicycles. They chase a hard orange ball. They hit the ball with mallets.

Players cover the wheels. This keeps the ball out of the spokes.

The sport is getting more popular. Everyone is welcome to play. Teams can be all male, all female or mixed.

Where can you play?

Any flat, concrete surface can work as a court. The game is played in tennis courts and hockey boxes.



Darren Bolton takes off with the ball.
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George Wall and Shannon Frey battle for the ball.
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Rules of the game

1. Three players are on each team.
2. A hockey net is at each end of the court.
3. Players hit the orange ball into the net.
4. The first team to score five points wins.
5. The game lasts a maximum of 15 minutes.
6. Players cannot put their foot on the ground.

That's it. Get out there and have fun!

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Answer key

1. a game
2. anyone men and women.
3. 3 or three
4. a mallet
5. a bicycle or bike
6. on a flat concrete surface
7. so the ball won't get caught
8. the Crazy Canucks or Ladies Army

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What do you remember?

1. What is bike polo?

2. Who can play?

3. How many people are on each team?

4. What is the name of the stick used to hit the ball?

5. What do players ride?

6. Where is bike polo played?

7. Why do they cover the wheels?

8. What is the name of a team from Vancouver?

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