

Iditarod Trivia Tuesday: Scavenger Hunt



1. What is the minimum age requirement to enter the Iditarod? **18 by the starting day of the race**
2. What is the current entry fee? **\$3000**
3. There are 3 mandatory stops on the Iditarod trail. When and where must the musher make these stops? **1. A musher must take one mandatory 24-hour stop during the race. 2. A musher must make one 8-hour stop on the Yukon River 3. A musher must take one 8-hour stop at White Mountain**
4. The rule book states a musher must have certain mandatory items with them at all times. What are these mandatory items?
 - Proper cold weather sleeping bag weighing a minimum of 5 lbs.
 - Ax, head to weigh a minimum of 1-3/4 lbs., handle to be at least 22" long.
 - One operational pair of snowshoes with bindings, each snowshoe to be at least 252 square inches in size
 - Any promotional material provided by the ITC.
 - Eight booties for each dog in the sled or in use.
 - One operational cooker and pot capable of boiling at least three (3) gallons of water at one time.
 - Veterinarian notebook, to be presented to the veterinarian at each checkpoint.
 - An adequate amount of fuel to bring three (3) gallons of water to a boil.
 - Cable gang line or cable tie out capable of securing dog team.
 - Functional non-chafing harness for each dog in team and a functional neckline

5. What type of dogs are allowed to race in the Iditarod? **Only dogs suitable for arctic travel**
6. A musher must qualify to run the Iditarod. What are the qualifications?
 - **Has completed a prior Iditarod race OR**
 - **Has completed the Yukon Quest prior to signing up OR**
 - **Completes two 300-mile qualifier race and another approved qualifier race for a total of 750 miles AND**
 - **During qualifying races demonstrates necessary and physical aptitude and preparedness, as well as necessary wilderness and mushing skills**
 - **If a Rookie musher completes the Iditarod as far as the Yukon River within the top 75% or in no more than twice the elapsed time of the leader - he/she will be considered to have completed a 300-mile qualifier**
7. When will mushers draw for their starting spots? **Mushers will draw for starting spot at the pre-race mushers banquet - March 5, 2015**
8. When and where will the 2015 Iditarod start? **Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Anchorage, Alaska**
9. When and where is the 2015 Iditarod restart? **Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Willow Community Center**
10. How many sleds can be used during the race? **No more than 3 sleds many be used after the re-start**
11. What is the maximum/minimum number of dogs a musher can start with? **The maximum number of dogs a mushers may start with is 16. The minimum number of dogs a musher can start with is 12.**
12. What is the minimum number of dogs a musher must have to be able to finish the Iditarod? **At least 6 dogs must be on the line to finish the Iditarod**
13. Can a musher substitute a driver to take their spot? **Only in cases of emergency and must be approved by the Race Marshall prior to the re-start**
14. The teams do not start as a mass start. How many minutes apart do teams start the race? **The mushers will leave in intervals of 2 minutes**

15. What do the rules state about passing on the trail? **When one team approaches within 50 feet of another team, the team behind shall have the immediate right away upon demand. The musher ahead must stop the dogs and hold them a maximum of 1-minute or until the team has passed (whichever comes first). The passed team must remain behind for at least 15-minutes before demanding the trail.**
16. Are mushers allowed to use cell phones? **No two-way communication device shall be carried unless approved by the Iditarod Trail Committee.**
17. What is the maximum number entries the Iditarod will accept? **100 entries. After the number reaches 100, a musher will be put on a waiting list (first come first serve basis).**
18. How many pounds of food must be shipped ahead to the checkpoints prior to the race? **A minimum of 60 pounds will be shipped to each checkpoint except Yentna and Finger Lake**
19. What does rule 31 state about "Outside Assistance"? **No planned help is allowed during the race. All feeding and care for dogs must be done by the musher.**
20. Who is eligible for drug testing - mushers, dogs, or both? **Both - Dogs are subject to urine or blood testing at any point from pre-race examination until 6 hours after the team finishes the race. All mushers are subject to drug and alcohol testing under the following circumstances; a race official reasonably suspects he/she may be under the influence, random basis, random group or all mushers, or first fixed mushers to arrive at a certain checkpoint**