

## **Iditarod Trivia Tuesday: Which 2015 Iditarod musher is a former Jr. Iditarod champion?**

The Jr. Iditarod was started in 1978 to give young mushers an opportunity to race a longer distance. The first race in 1978 had two divisions; the junior division, ages 11-14, and the senior division, ages 15-17. Today there is only one division for kids ages 14-17. The Jr. is a 175-mile out and back race that starts and ends at Knik Lake. The turn around, or halfway point, is at Yentna Station, an Iditarod checkpoint. At Yentna the junior mushers have a mandatory 10-hour stop. The winner of the Jr. receives a new sled and two tickets to Nome to attend the Iditarod Finisher's Banquet and be awarded the winner's trophy. The winner also serves as the "leader" of the ceremonial start for the Iditarod the next weekend, representing the "Honorary Musher."

The Jr. Iditarod is traditionally held the week prior to the Iditarod. Not only do kids from Alaska participate in the Jr. Iditarod, but there are many kids that come from the lower 48, Canada, and even as far away as Spain. Many of the mushers go on to participate in the Iditarod.

To help you answer the trivia questions read *Building Character* and visit [www.jriditarod.com](http://www.jriditarod.com)

### **Trivia Questions:**

1. Which 2015 Iditarod musher is a former Jr. Iditarod champion? **Rohn Buser**  
(pictured with his dad, **Martin Buser**, to the left)

2. Who won the 2014 Jr. Iditarod? **Conway Seavey**

3. Who won the junior division of the 1978 Jr. Iditarod? **Joe Good**

4. Who won the senior division of the 1978 Jr. Iditarod? **Mike Newman**

5. Who has won the Jr. Iditarod the most times? **Tim Osmar, 3 times - 1982, 83, 84**

6. How many 2015 Iditarod mushers have run the Jr. Iditarod? **9 - Travis Beals, Aaron Burmeister, Rohn Buser, Ben Harper, Jason Mackey, Lance Mackey, Wade Marrs, Ray Redington, Jr., Dallas Seavey,**

7. Scholarships are awarded to the top 5 finishers. After reading *Building Character*, how are mushers able to spend their scholarships? **The scholarship money is to be used towards any learning facility**

8. How many dogs are the junior mushers able to start the race with? **10**

9. What year had the most amount of finishers? **In 1978 there were 11 in the junior division and 11 in the senior division with a total of 22 finishers.**  
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10. How many mushers are signed up for the 2015 Jr. Iditarod? **8**

