

# World Famous Sporting Events

# Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race



# Main information

- ▶ Iditarod is annual dog-sledding race in Alaska. There are many teams from all parts of world which taking part in this competition. Each team consists of 16 dogs and 1 musher. They travel from Willow to Nome. Usually it take them from 8 to 15 days. In general they overcome more than 1800 km. Iditarod starts on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of March every year.

# Facts

- ▶ **Boots for dogs** is the most important part of sports equipment. Main reason why dogs are wearing special boots is a risk to injure their paws while racing. As a rule, mushers sew shoes for their pets on their own
- ▶ **The race is named after the ghost town.** Iditarod - a city that stood on the banks of the river of the same name, which emerged in the early twentieth century due to the gold rush. But as soon as the gold ended there, the gold miners left this place, and the city disappeared. All that is left of it is a few barracks and an old bank vault.
- ▶ **Dog dictionary.** In order to achieve results in races, dogs need not only to run fast, but also to understand commands of the musher, which differ from the traditional “sit”, “lie”, “voice” and “paw”. First of all, the teams deal with the trajectory, speed and behavior on the track - “left”, “right”, “forward”, “slower”, “overtake”, “do not pay attention”.

# Sources

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