

Update on Raven and Junior Races

While we wait out a day of mixed rain and snow, ASDRA has some changes to the Raven 10-dog and the Junior World Championship Races to announce.

Juniors: Yesterday, junior dog mushers had their first ASDRA race of the entire season. ASDRA works to develop the skills and sportsmanship of young mushers. We feel that a 3-day Junior World Championship doesn't meet that standard this year. Instead, we will offer 2 different days of racing this coming weekend! In one weekend, the junior mushers have the opportunity to experience 2 different races, each with a different draw. A junior musher could sign up for 1 or 2 of the days to run. The family will treat each day like a different race that allows them to use different dogs or combination of dogs.

Bottom line: The Juniors will have the opportunity to sign-up for, draw, and race in 2 different races on Feb 17, 18 at Tozier Track. As has been true this entire season, the race location may change due to weather and trail conditions.

Raven 10-dog: We have unexpectedly been informed that our long-time sponsor, Raven Electric, is not able to provide the purse amount they have in the past. Additionally, our usual practice of challenging teams with 3 different trail routes is at risk due to trail conditions. ASDRA expects to respond to these limitations by reducing both the number of days and the purse.

Bottom line: The Raven 10-dog will be scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb 17 and 18 at Tozier Track with the 10 mile race route to be determined as trail conditions resolve. There will be a minimum \$2000 purse. This race may be cancelled at any time due to worsening weather and trail conditions.