



2019 YUKON QUEST 1,000 MILE INTERNATIONAL SLED DOG RACE

ENTRY PACKAGE

Dear Musher,

On behalf of the Alaska and Yukon Boards of Directors and staff, we invite you to join us for the 36th annual Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race. Since the first Yukon Quest in 1984, we have been committed to providing an opportunity for all qualified mushers to participate in this epic sled dog race. The race commemorates the historic dependence of humans on their sled dogs for mutual survival in the arctic environment and perpetuates humankind's concern for the continued health, welfare and development of our canine companions.

The 2019 Yukon Quest will start in Whitehorse, Yukon on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 11:00am (PST). Sign-ups for 2019 begin Saturday, August 4, 2018.

All other Entry Package documents (2019 Rules, 2019 1,000 Mile Application Form and the Photography and Video Rights Information Sheet) are now available to you both online in the **Race Central – Sign Up for the Yukon Quest** section of our website at www.yukonquest.com and in paper form through either office. Applications will be accepted in person, by email, or mail at either office, or may be faxed to the Alaska office.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of the Yukon Quest, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your interest in this race. We look forward to seeing you at the start line.

Alaska Office

Marti Steury, *Executive Director*
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Yukon Office

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Yukon Quest 2019 Rules – Items to Note

The Rules Committee works tirelessly to consider recommendations from all sources to improve the race from year to year. The 2018 rules were used to refine changes to the new 2019 rules.

Some notable changes include:

- **START DATE**
The 2019 race will start in Whitehorse, Yukon on February 2 (the first Saturday of February) at 11:00am PST. See [General Race Procedure #1](#) for details.
- **PURSE**
The announcement of the purse amount will be made by Opening Day of sign up on August 4, 2018. The top 15 official finishing positions will receive a percentage of the prize money. Listed in the 2019 Rules are the purse payout percentages by finishing position. See [General Race Procedure #10](#) for details.
- **QUEST GUEST PROGRAM**
Net proceeds of the Quest Guest Program will be added on top of the purse and evenly distributed to all Official Finishers.
- **SANCTIONED QUALIFIER RACES**
Please review the updated list of qualifying races for the Yukon Quest on the website. (www.yukonquest.com/sanctioned-qualifying-races)
Musher assessment forms for all qualifiers will be required for the 2020 race. See [General Race Procedure #2](#) for details.
- **PROMOTION MATERIAL AND EVENTS**
Post-Race Meet-the-Musher is Mandatory for all mushers who finish within two (2) hours of the event. See [General Race Procedure #5](#) for details.

Application Requirements

Your application will be considered once you have submitted the following completed documents:

- 2019 Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile Application Form
- A photocopy of your Passport Identification page. Please contact either office **prior to sign up day** if you would like us to use a valid copy that you have previously submitted.
- Recent Headshot (digital high resolution, face clearly visible, **minimum 1MB**): Please contact either office **prior to sign up day** if you would like us to use a photo that you have previously submitted.
- Payment in full - \$2,000 USD before or on 12am (local time) November 30, 2018 (or \$2,500 USD for late entries between December 1, 2018 – 5PM (local time), January 4, 2019)

**** Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted. This includes applications without a photo or a passport. Please make sure you have ALL required documents ready for sign up.**

Application Process

Applications for the 2019 Yukon Quest will be accepted starting **Saturday, August 4, 2018** from 1pm-3pm in Whitehorse, YT and 12pm-2pm in Fairbanks, AK.

Options to submit your application include:

- **In Person**
 - **Opening Day in Whitehorse** - at the Yukon Quest Office located at 1109 Front Street from 1pm-3pm.

- **Opening Day in Fairbanks** - at the Yukon Quest Office located at 550 First Ave. from 12pm-2pm.

All applications after August 4, 2019 will be accepted at Yukon Quest offices in Yukon and Alaska during regular business hours.

- **By Mail** – you may send your entries to either office. Addresses listed on page 1.
- **By Fax** – entries may be faxed to the Alaska office. 907.452.7959
- **By Email** – entries will be accepted in either office.
 - Yukon – Eric Fekete : yukonoperations@yukonquest.com
 - Alaska – Niki Cserni: alaskaoperations@yukonquest.com

****Note:** The deadline to submit your application for regular entry is 12am (local time) November 30, 2018 at either Yukon Quest Office. Late entries will be accepted until 5pm January 4, 2019 (local time) (with an additional fee of \$500 USD, for a total cost of \$2,500 USD). No entries will be accepted after January 4, 2019.

Sign Up Order

Upon receipt, all complete applications will be dated and time stamped (with adjustment for time zone differences). Sign up order will determine the order mushers draw their bib numbers at the Start Banquet.

Official Sign Up Order will be determined as follows:

1. All Mushers who sign up in person at an Official Yukon Quest sign up location on Opening Day (August 4, 2018) in the order of receipt of a complete application as described under 'Application Requirements';
2. All Mushers represented by another person (Proxy) who presents a completed application in person at an Official Yukon Quest sign up location on Opening Day;
3. All Mushers who drop off, mail in, fax and/or submit electronically a completed application on or before (or postmarked on or before) Opening Day;
4. All Mushers who drop off, mail in, fax and/or submit electronically a completed application on or before the final official closing day of acceptance of Race Applications (January 4, 2019).

Early Incentive Program

Opening Day Draw – (held August 6, 2018) - For all mushers officially entered August 4, 2018

Prize – Check for \$1,300 USD

August Draw – (held September 3, 2018) – For all mushers officially entered on or before August 31, 2018

Prize - Custom Made Parka by Apocalypse Design, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Early Bird Draw – (held December 3, 2018) – For all mushers officially entered on or before November 30, 2018

Prize – 500 booties from Cold Spot Feeds, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Note: All prizes will be given to the winners at the 2019 Start & Draw Banquet in Whitehorse, Yukon on Thursday January 31, 2019. Prizes will not be distributed to mushers who are not entered in the race on January 31, 2019.

Quest Guest Program

This is **YOUR** opportunity to increase the 2019 purse. Raise awareness with your fans, friends, family, community and various networks about this opportunity. **In 2019, net proceeds from the Quest Guest Program will once again be added on top of the purse and evenly distributed to all Official Finishers.**

- Participation in this program is **mandatory**.
- **Mushers will be required to provide a tag sled** for participants to ride in for approximately 1-2 miles.
- Additional information is provided in the 2019 Musher and Handler Package.