



MEDIA RELEASE

26 Mushers Set to Compete in 2018 Yukon Quest

January 10, 2018 (Fairbanks, AK & Whitehorse, YT) – Veteran Katherine Keith from Kotzebue, Alaska was the final musher to sign up for the 2018 Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race.

Keith was one of 30 mushers between August 5th and the final deadline of January 5th to add their name to the field. A total of 26 mushers will continue to the start line, an increase from the 21 in 2017. Defending champion Matt Hall and past champions Hugh Neff and Allen Moore are included in the list of 15 veterans and 11 rookies.

The YQ300 has a full field of 25 mushers including past YQ300 champions Sven Haltmann, Michelle Phillips, Gerry Willomitzer and Aliy Zirkle. They are joined by fellow 1,000-mile finishers Cody Strathe, Ben Good, Matthew Failor, and Mandy Nauman Austin.

2018 Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile Sign Up Order

1. Rob Cooke, Veteran - Whitehorse, YT
2. Hugh Neff, Veteran - Tok, AK
3. Luc Tweddell, Veteran - Mendenhall, YT
4. Paige Drobny, Veteran - Ester, AK
5. Christine Roalofs, Rookie - Anchorage, AK
6. Nathaniel Hamlyn, Rookie - Whitehorse, YT
7. Claudia Wickert, Rookie - Whitehorse, YT
8. Riley Dyche, Rookie - Fairbanks, AK
9. Allen Moore, Veteran - Two Rivers, AK
10. Torsten Kohnert, Veteran - Sweden
11. Matt Hall, Veteran - Two Rivers, AK
12. Ryne Olson, Veteran - Two Rivers, AK
13. Bernhard Schuchert, Rookie - Germany
14. Jason Campeau, Veteran - Rocky Mountain House, AB
15. Jennifer Campeau, Rookie - Rocky Mountain House, AB
16. Alex Buetow, Rookie - Fairbanks, AK
17. Mark Stamm- Veteran - Riverside, WA
18. Ed Hopkins, Veteran - Tagish Lake, YT
19. Tim Pappas, Rookie - Willow, AK
20. Dave Dalton, Veteran - Healy, AK
21. Severin Cathry, Rookie - Andermatt, Switzerland
22. Laura Neese, Veteran - McMillan, MI
23. Mike Ellis, Veteran - Fairbanks, AK
24. Ike Underwood, Rookie - Aniak, AK
25. Vebjorn Aishana Reitan, Rookie - Kaktovik, AK
26. Katherine Keith, Veteran - Kotzebue, AK

2018 YQ300 Sign Up Order

1. Allen Dunn
2. Jacob Heigers
3. Olivia Shank Neff
4. Gerry Willomitzer
5. JJay Levy
6. Chase Tingle
7. Laura Allaway
8. Richie Beattie
9. Joanna Jagow
10. Cody Strathe
11. Jacob Vallée
12. Melissa Schenke
13. Mandy Nauman Austin
14. Ben Good
15. John Dixon
16. Matthew Failor
17. Lia Amundsen
18. Heidi Sutter
19. Meredith Mapes
20. Aliy Zirkle
21. Deke Naaktgeboren
22. Chris Ciancibelli
23. Michelle Phillips
24. Sven Haltmann
25. Thom Walker

The 35th Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race and YQ300 start Saturday, February 3rd in Fairbanks, Alaska. For up-to-date information and news about the race, [visit www.yukonquest.com](http://www.yukonquest.com).

Media interested in attending or covering the 2018 Yukon Quest are invited to register for accreditation by visiting yukonquest.com/media/media-accreditation. Deadline is January 12th.

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