



2020 YUKON QUEST 1,000 MILE INTERNATIONAL SLED DOG RACE

ENTRY INFORMATION

Dear Musher,

On behalf of the Alaska and Yukon Boards of Directors and staff, we invite you to join us for the 37th running of the 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 mutual dependence of humans and their sled dogs for survival in the arctic environment. This race also preserves humankind's concern for the continued health, welfare and development of our canine companions.

**The 2020 Yukon Quest will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at 11:00 am (AKST).
Sign-ups for 2019 begin Saturday, August 3, 2019.**

All other Entry Package documents (2020 Rules, 2020 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 <https://yukonquest.com/race-central/sign-yukon-quest> 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.

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Yukon Quest 2020 Rules – Items to Note

The Rules Committee works tirelessly to consider recommendations from all sources to improve the race from year to year. The 2019 rules were used to refine changes to the new 2020 rules. **Some notable changes include:**

START DATE

The 2020 race will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 1 (the first Saturday of February) at 12:00 pm AST. See [General Race Procedure #1](#) for details.

PURSE

The announcement of the purse amount will be made by Opening Day of sign up, August 3, 2019. The top 15 official finishing positions will receive a percentage of the prize money. Listed in the 2020 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)

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:

- 2020 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 by 11:59 pm (local time) November 29, 2019 (or \$2,500 USD for late entries between November 30, 2019 – 5PM (local time), January 3, 2020).
- For Rookies: Copies of Musher Assessment forms for Qualifying Races

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

Application Process

Applications for the 2020 Yukon Quest will be accepted starting **Saturday, August 3, 2019**, from 12pm-2pm (AKST) in Fairbanks, AK and 1pm-3pm (PST) in Whitehorse, YT.

Options to submit your application include:

- **In Person**
 - **Sign Up Day in Fairbanks** - at the Yukon Quest Office, 550 First Ave. from 12pm-2pm (AKST)
 - **Sign Up Day in Whitehorse** - at the Yukon Quest Office, at 1109 Front Street from 1pm-3pm (PST)
 - All applications after August 3, 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.
 - Alaska – Brenda Naaktgeboren: alaskaoperations@yukonquest.com
 - Yukon – Vera Schall : yukonoperations@yukonquest.com

****Note:** The deadline to submit your application for regular entry is 11:59 pm (local time) November 29, 2019, at either Yukon Quest Office. Late entries will be accepted until 5 pm on January 3, 2020 (local time) (with an additional fee of \$500 USD, for a total cost of \$2,500 USD). No entries will be accepted after January 3, 2020.

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 3, 2019) 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 3, 2020).

Early Incentive Program

Opening Day Draw – (held August 13, 2019) - For all mushers officially entered August 3, 2019

Prize – Check for \$1,300 USD

August Draw – (held September 10, 2019) – For all mushers officially entered on or before August 31, 2019

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

Early Bird Draw – (held December 10, 2019) – For all mushers officially entered on or before December 1, 2019

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

Note: All prizes will be given to the winners at the 2020 Start & Draw Banquet in Fairbanks, Alaska on Thursday, January 30, 2020. Prizes will not be distributed to mushers who are not entered in the race on January 30, 2020.

Quest Guest Program

This is **YOUR** opportunity to increase the 2020 purse. Raise awareness with your fans, friends, family, community and various networks about this opportunity. **In 2020, 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 2020 Musher and Handler Package.