



2018 YUKON QUEST 1,000 MILE INTERNATIONAL SLED DOG RACE

ENTRY PACKAGE

(AS OF 7/11/17)

Dear Musher,

On behalf of the Alaska and Yukon Boards of Directors and staff, we invite you to join us for the 35th 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 2018 Yukon Quest will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 11:00am. Sign-ups for the 2018 race begin Saturday, August 5, 2017.

All other Entry Package documents (2018 Rules, 2018 Application Form, Musher and Handler Package, Code of Conduct 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.

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Yukon Quest 2018 Rules – Items to Note

The Rules Committee works tirelessly to consider recommendations from all sources to improve the race from year to year and below are some of the changes as well as important things to note.

- **START DATE**

The 2018 race will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 3 (the first Saturday of February) at 11:00am AKST. 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 5, 2017. The top 15 official finishing positions will receive a percentage of the prize money. Listed in the 2018 Rules are the purse payout percentages by finishing position. See General Race Procedure #10 for details.

- **VACCINES**

Leptospirosis Vaccines are now required. See General Race Procedure #8 for details.

- **SANCTIONED QUALIFIER RACES**

Please review the list of qualifying races on our website. The complete list will be updated the second week of November. (www.yukonquest.com/sanctioned-qualifying-races)

Application Requirements

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

- 2018 Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile Application Form
- Signed copy of the Code of Conduct
- A photocopy or photograph 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.
- **Current, digital head shot that's at least 2MB.** Your face must be clearly visible; no hats, sunglasses or other items that obscure your face. (Pick something that makes you look good, it will be published to our website as well as being printed in our Race Annual.)



NOT ACCEPTABLE



GOOD TO GO

- Payment in full - \$2,000 USD on or before December 1, 2017 (or \$2,500 USD for late entries between December 2, 2017 – January 5, 2018)

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

Application Process

Applications for the 2018 Yukon Quest will be accepted starting **Saturday, August 5, 2017** from 12pm-2pm in Fairbanks, AK and 1pm-3pm in Whitehorse, YT.

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 Official Sign Up will be accepted at Yukon Quest offices in AK and YT 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 – Laura Vinnedge: yukonoperations@yukonquest.com
 - Alaska – Maria “Frog” Roberts: alaskaoperations@yukonquest.com

Note: The deadline to submit your application is 5pm (local time) December 1, 2017 at either Yukon Quest Office. Late entries will be accepted until 5pm January 5, 2018 (with an additional fee of \$500 USD, for a total cost of \$2,500 USD). No entries will be accepted after January 5, 2018.

Sign Up Order

Upon receipt, all 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 5, 2017) in the order of submission of all required materials as described under ‘Application Requirements’;
2. All Mushers represented by another person (Proxy) who presents all required application documents and payment in person at an Official Yukon Quest sign up location on Opening Day (August 5, 2017);
3. All Mushers who drop off, mail in, fax and/or submit electronically all required sign up documents and payment on or before (or postmarked on or before) Opening Day (August 5, 2017);
4. All Mushers who drop off, mail in, fax and/or submit electronically all required sign up documents and payment on or before (or postmarked on or before) the final official closing day of acceptance of Race Applications (January 5, 2018).

Early Incentive Program

Opening Day Draw – (held August 10, 2017) - for all mushers officially entered August 5, 2017

Prize – Check for \$1,300 USD

August Draw – (held September 5, 2017) – For all mushers officially entered on or before August 31, 2017

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

Early Bird Draw – (held December 6, 2017) – For all mushers officially entered on or before December 1, 2017

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

Note: All prizes will be given to the winners at the 2018 Start & Draw Banquet in Fairbanks, Alaska on Thursday, February 1, 2018. Prizes will not be distributed to mushers who withdraw from the race.