2024 YQ250 YUKON SLED DOG RACE
ENTRY INFORMATION

Dear Musher,

On behalf of the Yukon Board of Directors and staff, we invite you to join us for the YQ250 beginning in Whitehorse, Yukon.

The race commemorates the historic dependence of humans on their sled dogs, for mutual survival in the arctic environment and to perpetuate humankind's concern for our canine companions' continued health, welfare, and development.

The YQ250 is for mushers interested in experiencing some of the Yukon Quest Trail.

Our goal is to offer a race where the traditional wildness character is preserved, while trying to achieve a balanced run rest schedule, as well as fostering community interaction in checkpoints and remote cabins and homesteads. We are proud to be offering a minimum $10,000 purse paid to the top 10 teams.

The 2024 YQ250 will start in Whitehorse, Yukon on Saturday, February 3, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. local time.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of the Yukon Quest, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your interest in this race. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 9, 2023, for sign-up day and at the start line on Saturday, February 3, 2024.

Your contact for all race-related inquiries will be Abi Horobin. She can be reached at yukonoperations@yukonquest.com, or at 867 335 4711.

Yukon Office
Benjamin Smith, *Executive Director*
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2024 YQ250 Entry Package Documents

In addition to this introductory document you will find:

YQ250 Rules
YQ250 Application Form
Code of Conduct
Photography and Video Rights Information Sheet

The documents are available in the **Race Central 2024 – YQ250** section of our website at yukonquest.com.

2024 YQ250 Rules – Items to Note

The Rules Committee works tirelessly to consider recommendations from all sources to improve the race from year to year. **Some notable changes include:**

START DATE
The 2024 race will start in Whitehorse, Yukon on February 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. local time, after the YQ450.
See YQ 250 Race Rules 2024: #1 for details.

PURSE
The purse has a minimum guarantee of $10,000 and is paid out to the top ten finishers at the Finish & Awards Evening. Listed in the 2024 Rules is the purse payout percentages by finishing position.
See YQ 250 Race Rules 2024: #3 for details.

ENTRY & WITHDRAWAL FEES
The entry fee schedule:

September 9 2023	$250
October 9, 2023	$450
December 9, 2023	$550

The entry fee is in Canadian dollars and is non-refundable. In the case of a withdrawal, the entire entry fee will be forfeited. Late applications will not be accepted. See YQ 250 Race Rules 2024: #2b for details.

WAITING LIST
The race is limited to a field of 25 mushers. After the field is full, the office will establish a waiting list. Mushers who want to sign up for the waiting list must pay the full entry fee of $250/$450/$550. If a musher on the waiting list does not make it into the race, the entire entry fee paid will be refunded. If a musher withdraws from the waiting list, $100 CDN of the entry fee is non-refundable. See YQ 250 Race Rules 2024: #2g for details.

A musher can upgrade to the YQ450 until January 20, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. and pay the difference in entry fee if space is available. Mushers on the YQ450 waiting list have priority over YQ250 mushers wanting to upgrade.

If a musher chooses to downgrade their entry to the 100 Mile Race, they can do so until the Mushers' Meeting. No difference in Entry fee will be reimbursed.

MINIMUM AGE
The minimum age to run the YQ250 is 18 years old as of February 3, 2024.
See YQ 250 Race Rules 2024: #2c for details.

Application Requirements

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

YQ250 Application Form
Code of Conduct
Recent Headshot (<u>digital </u>high resolution, minimum 1MB)
Payment in full - $250/$450/$550

**<u>Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted</u>. Please make sure you have ALL the required documents ready for sign up.

Application Process

Applications for the 2024 YQ250 will be accepted starting **Saturday, September 9, 2023,** from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. local time in Whitehorse, YT.

Options to submit your application include:

In-Person at Sign-Up Day in Whitehorse – at the Yukon Quest Office, 1109 Front Street from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. local time. *All applications after September 9, 2023 will be accepted at the Yukon Quest office during regular business hours.*

By Mail – You may send your entries to the Yukon office. Address listed on page 1.

By Email – Abi Horobin: yukonoperations@yukonquest.com

Entry Applications must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. local time on January 3, 2024.

Sign Up Order

Upon receipt, all applications will be dated and time-stamped. Sign up order will determine the order in which mushers will draw their bib numbers at the Pre–Race Musher's Meeting.

Official Sign Up Order will be determined as follows:

1. All Mushers who sign up in person at the Whitehorse Yukon Quest office on Opening Day (September 9, 2023) in the order of submission of all required materials as described under 'Application Requirements'.
2. All Mushers represented by another person (Musher Representative) who presents all required application documents and payment in person at the Whitehorse Yukon Quest office on Opening Day (September 9, 2023).
3. All Mushers who drop off, mail-in or email all required sign up documents and payment on or before Opening Day (September 9, 2023).
4. All Mushers who drop off, mail-in, or email all required sign up documents and payment on or before the final official closing day of acceptance of Race Applications (3:00 p.m. local time on Saturday, January 3, 2023).