



## 2012 Yukon Quest Entry Application Package

Dear Musher,

Since the first Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race in 1984, Yukon Quest International has been committed to providing an opportunity for all qualified mushers to participate in an epic sled dog race. The Yukon Quest commemorates the historic dependence of humans and sled dogs and constantly strives for excellence in canine care. **The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Yukon Quest will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

### 2012 ENTRY PACKAGE DOCUMENTS

- 2012 Yukon Quest Rules
- 2012 Application Form (merged doc with Musher profile)
  - Electronic form in Word available online
- Starter Program information
- Mushers' Media Rights

These documents are also available in the **For Mushers** section of our website at [www.yukonquest.com](http://www.yukonquest.com). The Application Form is available in a printable PDF file as well as an electronic version in Word. Applications will be accepted by email (preferred), mail, or fax.

Please take note that all US citizens or residing mushers will be serviced by the Fairbanks office in Alaska. All international and Canadian citizens or residing mushers will be serviced by the Whitehorse office in Yukon. Contacts for both offices can be found at the end of this document and on the application form.

### NOTES ABOUT THE 2012 RULES

The Rules Committee is pleased to present the 2012 Yukon Quest Rules. We would also like to thank the Yukon Quest Finishers Club for their valuable input.

#### A few important notes:

- **START DATE**  
The 2012 race will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 4<sup>th</sup> (the first Saturday of Feb) at 11:00am.



- **PURSE**

The prize purse total is not listed in the 2012 Rules. The announcement of the purse amount will be made in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August and will be posted on our website before Opening Day of sign-up on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2011. Listed in the 2012 Rules is the purse payout percentages by finishing position.

- **ENTRY & WITHDRAWAL FEES**

The entry fee for the 2012 Yukon Quest has remained the same. Once more, in order to reduce lost revenue from withdrawals later in the season, the administrative fee of \$500 USD is non-refundable at any time.

- **MANDATORY 4HOUR LAYOVER OPTIONAL BETWEEN MILE 101 OR CENTRAL**

This year, mushers will have the option of taking their first vet check either in Mile 101 or Central checkpoints. Please read 2012 Rules, Trail Procedure #1 and #5 for clear instructions.

- **CASH PENALTY FOR NOT SIGNING OUT OF A CHECKPOINT**

If a musher forgets to Sign Out of a checkpoint, he/she will be issued a monetary fine, and not a time fine. Please read Trail Procedures #3a.

## NEW FOR 2012!

### Starter Program update

- This is YOUR chance to not only get your fans, family and friends to bid on you, but more importantly to raise money for the 2012 purse! With your help, the purse could get a substantial raise, and benefit you!
- Start of the Auction: Sign Up Day on August 6<sup>th</sup>
- Start bidding price: \$200 (first \$100 covers admin expenses)
- Please read the information sheet included in this package.

### Your media rights

- Please read carefully the new included sheet of information about your media rights as a Yukon Quest musher. Should you have any questions, please contact your respective office.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

- 2012 Application Form/ Musher Profile
- Recent Photo (digital, must be high resolution, minimum 1MB),
- Payment in full - \$1,500 US Dollars



## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for the 2012 Yukon Quest will be accepted starting Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in person from 2pm - 4pm in Fairbanks and 3pm - 5pm in Whitehorse.

Options to submit your application:

1. **In Person** - all applications in person will be accepted at:
  - **Opening Day in Fairbanks** - at Yukon Quest Headquarters - Alaska located at 550 First Ave. from 2pm - 4pm.
  - **Opening Day in Whitehorse** - at the White Pass Depot at First Ave & Main St from 3pm - 5pm.
2. **By Mail** – you can send your entries to either office listed below.
3. **By Fax** – entries may be faxed to either office.
4. **By E-mail** – entries will also be accepted in either office.

Please note that the last date to enter your application is December 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 at either Yukon Quest Offices at the end of business day (5pm local time). Late entries will be accepted through January 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 until end of business day (5pm local time) at the cost of \$2,000 USD. After January 6<sup>th</sup> 2012, no entries will be accepted.

## SIGN UP ORDER

Once received, all applications will be dated and timed (adjusted for time zone differences). Sign up order will determine the order mushers draw their starting numbers at the Start Banquet.

**For Opening Day sign-up, the order will be determined as follows:**

1. All in-person entries received as indicated by the date/time stamp given by each office,
2. All entries received by fax or email on August 6<sup>th</sup> by the date/time stamp received in either office,
3. All other entries received by fax or email before August 6<sup>th</sup> or by mail postmarked August 6<sup>th</sup> or earlier will be considered in the order they are received and/or postmarked.



## 2012 EARLY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

**Opening Day Draw** – (held August 12<sup>th</sup>) - for all mushers officially entered on or before August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Prize - \$1,000 USD**

**August Draw** – (held September 9<sup>th</sup>) – For all mushers officially entered on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011

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

**Early Bird Draw** – (held December 16<sup>th</sup>) – For all mushers officially entered on or before December 9<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Prize – \$500 worth of booties from Cold Spot Feeds, Fairbanks, Alaska.**

**Note:** All prizes will be given to the winners at the 2012 Start & Draw Banquet in Fairbanks, Alaska

## PRE-RACE PACKAGES

The Pre-race Musher and Handler Packages will be made available to all official entrants in September 2011.

**On behalf of the Alaska and Yukon Boards of Directors and staff**, we look forward to seeing you on August 6<sup>th</sup> for sign up!

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of the Yukon Quest, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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