



2012 YQ 300

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 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 Yukon Quest 300 Sled Dog Race is for mushers interested in experiencing some of the Yukon Quest Trail. It is a recognized 300-mile qualifying race for both the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race and the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

2012 YQ 300 ENTRY PACKAGE DOCUMENTS

- 2012 YQ 300 Rules
- 2012 YQ 300 Official Application Form
- Mushers' Media Rights

The documents are also available in the For Mushers section of our website at www.yukonquest.com. The Official Application Form is available in a printable PDF file as well as an electronic version in Word. Applications will be accepted in person, by email, mail, or fax.

NOTES ABOUT THE 2012 YQ 300 RULES

The Rules Committee would like to thank the Yukon Quest Finishers Club for their valuable input.

Some of the notable changes:

- **START DATE**
The 2012 race will start in Fairbanks on February 4th (the first Saturday of Feb) at 5pm.
- **2 HOUR MANDATORY LAY OVER**

- **RACE COURSE**

- **CASH PENALTY, INSTEAD OF TIME, 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.

- **ENTRY & WITHDRAWAL FEES**

Please note that the entry fee for the 2012 YQ 300 has remained the same. Our commitment to providing a quality race despite rising costs includes keeping the race affordable to all mushers. In order to reduce lost revenue from withdrawals later in the season, the administrative fee of \$100 USD is non-refundable at any time.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Your application will be considered 'official' once you have submitted the following completed documents and upon approval by the YQ Rules Committee:

- 2012 YQ 300 Official Application **with** completed Musher Profile
- Recent Photo (preferably digital, must be high resolution – at least 1MB),
- Payment in full - \$300 US Dollars.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for the 2012 YQ 300 will be accepted starting Saturday August 6th, 2011.

Options to submit your application:

1. **In Person** - all applications in person will be accepted at:
 - **Opening Day in Fairbanks** - at the Yukon Quest Office located at 550 First Ave. from 2pm – 4pm.
 - **Opening Day in Whitehorse** - at the Yukon Quest Office 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 be accepted in either office.

After Opening Day applications will be accepted during normal business hours.

SIGN UP ORDER

Upon receipt, all applications will be dated and timed (adjusted for time zone differences). Sign up order will determine the order in which mushers will draw their bib numbers at the Start Banquet.

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

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

PRE-RACE PACKAGES

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

CONTACTS

On behalf of the Alaska and Yukon Boards of Directors and staff, we invite you to join us for the YQ 300 starting Saturday February 4th, 2012 in Fairbanks at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you on August 6th 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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