



2023 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. It is a recognized 300-mile qualifying race for both the Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race and the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

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 \$15,000 purse paid to the top 10 teams.

The 2023 YQ250 will start in Whitehorse, Yukon on Saturday, February 11, 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, August 6, 2022, for sign-up day and at the start line on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

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2023 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 2023 – YQ250** section of our website at yukonquest.com.

2023 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 2023 race will start in Whitehorse, Yukon on February 11, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. local time, after the YQ100. See [General Race Procedure #1](#) for details.

PURSE

The purse has a minimum guarantee of \$15,000 and is paid out to the top ten finishers at the Finish & Awards Evening. Listed in the 2023 Rules is the purse payout percentages by finishing position. See [General Race Procedure #10](#) for details.

ENTRY & WITHDRAWAL FEES

The entry fee schedule:

August 6th \$300
September 6th \$400
January 6th \$500

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 [General Race Procedure #2](#) 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 \$300/\$400/\$500. 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 [General Race Procedure #2](#) for details.

A musher can upgrade to the YQ450 until February 9th 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 February 9th at 3:00 p.m.. No difference in Entry fee will be reimbursed.

MINIMUM AGE

The minimum age to run the YQ250 is 18 years old as of February 11, 2023. See [General Race Procedure #2](#) 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 (digital high resolution, minimum 1MB)

Payment in full - \$300/\$400/\$500

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

Application Process

Applications for the 2023 YQ250 will be accepted starting **Saturday, August 6, 2022**, from 1:00 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 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. local time. *All applications after August 6, 2022 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 – John Hopkins-Hill: yukonoperations@yukonquest.com

Entry Applications must be received or no later than 3:00 p.m. local time on Saturday, February 4, 2023.

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 (Aug 6, 2022) 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 (Aug 6, 2022).
3. All Mushers who drop off, mail-in or email all required sign up documents and payment on or before Opening Day (Aug 6, 2022).
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, February 4, 2023).