



## 2024 YQ450 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 YQ450 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 YQ450 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 \$60,000 purse paid to the top 10 teams.

**The 2024 YQ450 will start in Whitehorse, Yukon on Saturday, February 3, 2024, 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.

### **Yukon Office**

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## **2024 YQ450 Entry Package Documents**

In addition to this introductory document, you will find:

YQ450 Rules  
YQ450 Application Form  
Code of Conduct  
Photography and Video Rights Information Sheet

The documents are available in the **Race Central 2024 – YQ450** section of our website at yukonquest.com.

## **2024 YQ450 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, before the YQ250. See [YQ 450 Race Rules 2024: #1](#) for details.

### **PURSE**

The purse has a minimum guarantee of \$60,000 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 450 Race Rules 2024: #3](#) for details.

### **ENTRY & WITHDRAWAL FEES**

The entry fee schedule:

September 9, 2023	\$450
October 9, 2023	\$750
December 9, 2023	\$850

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 450 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 \$450/\$750/\$850 CDN. 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 450 Race Rules 2024: #2g](#) for details.

If a musher chooses to Downgrade their entry to the YQ250 or YQ100, they can do so until the Mushers' Meeting February 1, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. No difference in Entry fee will be reimbursed.

### **MINIMUM AGE**

The minimum age to run the YQ450 is 18 years old as of February 3, 2024. See [YQ 450 Race Rules 2024: #2c](#) for details.

## **Application Requirements**

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

YQ450 Application Form

Code of Conduct

Recent Headshot (digital high resolution, minimum 1MB)

Payment in full - \$450/\$750/\$850 CDN

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

## **Application Process**

Applications for the 2024 YQ450 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** – Benjamin Smith: [yukondirector@yukonquest.com](mailto:yukondirector@yukonquest.com)

**Entry Applications must be received or no later than 3:00 p.m. local time on Saturday, January 20, 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 20, 2024).