



2020 YQ300 SLED DOG RACE

ENTRY INFORMATION

Dear Musher,

On behalf of the Alaska and Yukon Boards of Directors and staff, we invite you to join us for the YQ300 beginning in Fairbanks, Alaska, this year.

Since the first Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race in 1984, the Yukon Quest has been committed to providing an opportunity for all qualified mushers to participate in this epic sled dog race. 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 YQ300 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.

The 2020 YQ300 will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 3:00 pm (AKST).

The YQ300 entry documents are available in person at either Yukon Quest office or online at <http://www.yukonquest.com/race-central/yq300>.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of the Yukon Quest, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your interest in this race. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, August 3 for sign up day and at the start line on Saturday, February 1.

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2020 YQ300 Entry Package Documents

In addition to this introductory document you will find:

- YQ300 2020 Rules
- 2020 YQ300 Application Form
- Photography and Video Rights Information Sheet

The documents are available in the **Race Central - YQ300 Mile** section of our website at <http://www.yukonquest.com/race-central/yq300>.

2020 YQ300 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 2020 race will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 1 (the first Saturday of February) at 3pm local time. See [General Race Procedure #1](#) for details.

PURSE

The purse consists of \$150 USD from each starting musher's entry fee and is paid out to the top three finishers at the finish banquet. Listed in the 2020 Rules is the purse payout percentages by finishing position. See [General Race Procedure #10](#) for details.

ENTRY & WITHDRAWAL FEES

The entry fee is \$350 USD 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 \$350 USD. If a musher on the waiting list does not make it into the race, the entire entry fee of \$350 USD will be refunded. If a musher withdraws from the waiting list, \$150 USD of the entry fee is non-refundable. See [General Race Procedure #2](#) for details.

MINIMUM AGE

The minimum age to run the YQ300 is 18 years old as of February 1, 2020. See [General Race Procedure #2](#) for details.

Application Requirements

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

- 2020 YQ300 Application Form
- Recent Headshot (digital high resolution, minimum 1MB)
- Payment in full - \$350 USD

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

Application Process

Applications for the 2020 YQ300 will be accepted starting **Saturday, August 3, 2019**, from 12pm-2pm local time in Fairbanks, AK and 1pm-3pm local time in Whitehorse, YT.

Options to submit your application include:

- **In-Person**
 - **Sign-Up Day in Fairbanks** - at the Yukon Quest Office, 550 First Ave. from 12pm-2pm local time
 - **Sign-Up Day in Whitehorse** - at the Yukon Quest Office, 1109 Front Street from 1pm-3pm local time

All applications after August 3, 2019, will be accepted at Yukon Quest offices in Yukon and Alaska during regular business hours.

- **By Mail** – You may send your entries to either office. Addresses listed on page 1.
- **By Fax** – entries may be faxed to the Alaska office. 907.452.7959
- **By Email** – entries will be accepted in either office.
 - **Alaska** – Brenda Naaktgeboren: alaskaoperations@yukonquest.com
 - **Yukon** – Vera Schall: yukonoperations@yukonquest.com

Entry Applications must be received or no later than 5 PM, Friday, January 3, 2020 or postmarked by this date.

Sign Up Order

Upon receipt, all applications will be dated and time-stamped (adjusted for time zone differences). 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 an Official Yukon Quest office on Opening Day (Aug 3, 2019) 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 an Official Yukon Quest office on Opening Day (Aug 3, 2019)
3. All Mushers who drop off, mail-in or email all required sign up documents and payment on or before (or postmarked on or before) Opening Day (Aug 3, 2019)
4. All Mushers who drop off, mail-in, or email all required sign up documents and payment on or before (or postmarked on or before) the final official closing day of acceptance of Race Applications (5 PM local time, Jan 3, 2020)