



2016 YUKON QUEST 1,000 MILE INTERNATIONAL SLED DOG RACE ENTRY PACKAGE

Dear Musher,

On behalf of the Alaska and Yukon Boards of Directors and staff, we invite you to join us for the 33rd annual Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race. We look forward to seeing you on August 1st, 2015 for sign up day!

Since the first Yukon Quest in 1984, we have 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 2016 Yukon Quest will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on Saturday, February 6th, 2016 at 11:00am.

The Pre-Race Musher and Handler Packages will be made available to all official entrants in September 2015.

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 and we look forward to seeing you at the start line!

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2016 Entry Package Documents

In addition to this introductory document you will find:

- Yukon Quest 2016 Rules
- 2016 1,000 Mile Application Form
- Photography and Video Rights Information Sheet

These documents are available in the **Race Central – Sign Up for the Yukon Quest** section of our website at www.yukonquest.com. Applications will be accepted in person, by email, mail, or fax.

Yukon Quest 2016 Rules – Items to Note

The Rules Committee works tirelessly to consider recommendations from all sources to improve the race from year to year. The 2015 rules were used to refine changes to the new 2016 rules.

Some notable changes include:

- **START DATE**
The 2016 race will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 6th (the first Saturday of February) at 11:00am. See [General Race Procedure #1](#) for details.
- **PURSE**
The announcement of the purse amount will be made by Opening Day of sign up on August 1st, 2015. Listed in the 2016 Rules are the purse payout percentages by finishing position, [General Race Procedure #10](#).
- **SANCTIONED QUALIFER RACES**
Please review the updated list of qualifying races for the Yukon Quest on the website. (www.yukonquest.com/sanctioned-qualifying-races)
- **GEAR AND EQUIPMENT**
See [Trail Procedure #2](#) for details.
- **MANDATORY STOPS**
See Trail Procedures for specific details.
 - [Trail Procedure #4 - Thirty-six \(36\) hour Stop \(Dawson City\)](#)
 - [Trail Procedure #5 - Mandatory Stops](#)
- **TREATMENT OF DOGS**
See [Trail Procedure #23](#) for details.
- **DRUGS**
See [Trail Procedure #26](#) for details.

Quest Guest Program

This is YOUR opportunity to help increase the 2016 purse. With your assistance, the purse could get a substantial raise, and directly benefit you. Raise awareness with your fans, friends, family, community and various networks about this opportunity.

- Participation in this program is mandatory
- Musher will be required to provide a tag sled for participants to ride in for approximately 1-2 miles
- Additional information will be sent to mushers in their Pre-Race packages in September

Application Requirements

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

- 2016 1,000 Mile Application Form
- A **Photocopy of Passport ID page**
- **Recent Headshot (digital)** high resolution, face clearly visible, minimum 1MB)
- Payment in full - \$2,000 USD before or on Dec. 4th 2015 (or \$2,500 USD for late entries between Dec. 5th 2015 – Jan. 4th, 2016)

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

Application Process

Applications for the 2016 Yukon Quest will be accepted starting Opening Day of sign up Saturday August 1st, 2015 from 12pm-2pm in Fairbanks, AK and 1pm-3pm in Whitehorse, YT.

Options to submit your application:

- **In Person**
 - **Opening Day in Fairbanks** - at the Yukon Quest Office located at 550 First Ave. from 12pm-2pm.
 - **Opening Day in Whitehorse** - at the Yukon Quest Office located at 1109 Front Street from 1pm-3pm.
 - All applications after August 1st, 2015 will be accepted at Yukon Quest offices in Alaska and Yukon during regular business hours.
- **By Mail** – you may send your entries to either office. Address listed on page 1.
- **By Fax** – entries may be faxed to either office. Numbers listed on page 1.
- **By Email** – entries will be accepted in either office.
 - Alaska – Neil Gabbart - questops@mosquionet.com
 - Yukon – Holly Smith – yukonoperations@yukonquest.com

****Note:** The deadline to enter your application is midnight December 4th, 2015 at either Yukon Quest Office. Late entries will be accepted until 5pm January 4th, 2016 (with an additional fee of \$500 USD, for a total cost of \$2,500 USD). After January 4th, 2016 no entries will be accepted.

Sign Up Order

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

Official Sign Up Order will be determined as follows:

1. All Mushers who sign up in person at an Official Yukon Quest sign up location on Opening Day (Aug 1st, 2015) 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 sign up location on Opening Day (Aug 1st, 2015);
3. All Mushers who drop off, mail in, fax and/or submit electronically all required sign up documents and payment on or before (or postmarked on or before) Opening Day (Aug 1st, 2015);
4. All Mushers who drop off, mail in, fax and/or submit electronically 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 (Jan 4th, 2016).

Early Incentive Program

Opening Day Draw – (held August 7th, 2015) - for all mushers officially entered August 1st, 2015

Prize – Check for \$1,000 USD.

August Draw – (held September 4th, 2015) – For all mushers officially entered on or before August 28th, 2015

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

Early Bird Draw – (held December 11th, 2015) – For all mushers officially entered on or before December 4th, 2015

Prize – 500 booties from Cold Spot Feeds, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Note: All prizes will be given to the winners at the 2016 Start & Draw Banquet in Fairbanks, Alaska on Thursday February 4th, 2016. Prizes will not be distributed to mushers who withdraw from the race.

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