



## **2016 YUKON QUEST 300 (YQ300) 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 Yukon Quest 300 (YQ300) starting in Fairbanks, Alaska this year. We look forward to seeing you on August 1<sup>st</sup> for sign up day!

Since the first Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race in 1984, we have been committed to providing an opportunity for mushers to participate in a sled dog race commemorating 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 (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 2016 YQ300 will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3:00pm.**

The YQ300 Pre-Race Musher 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 YQ 300 Entry Package Documents**

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In addition to this introductory document you will find:

- YQ300 2016 Rules
- 2016 YQ300 Application Form
- Photography and Video Rights Information Sheet

The documents are available in the **Race Central - YQ300 Mile** section of our website at [www.yukonquest.com](http://www.yukonquest.com). Applications will be accepted in person, by email, mail, or fax.

## **YQ 300 2016 Rules – Items to Note**

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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 6<sup>th</sup> (the first Saturday of Feb) at 3pm. See [General Race Procedure #1](#) for details.
- **ENTRY & WITHDRAWAL FEES**  
*The entry fee is \$350 USD and is non-refundable.* Late applications will not be accepted. *An entrant withdrawing for any reason before the race, will forfeit their entire entry fee.* See [General Race Procedure #2](#) for details.
- **PURSE**  
See [General Race Procedure #10](#) 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 only \$150 USD will be refunded. See [General Race Procedure #2](#) for details.
- **MANDATORY STOPS**  
There will be one six (6) hour mandatory stop at Central. See [Trail Procedure #4](#) for details.
- **COURSE AND CHECKPOINTS**  
See [General Race Procedure #3](#) for details.
- **GEAR AND EQUIPMENT**  
See [Trail Procedure #2](#) for details.
- **DRUGS**  
See [Trail Procedure #25](#) for details.

## **Application Requirements**

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

- 2016 YQ300 Application Form
- Recent Headshot (digital high resolution, face clearly visible, minimum 1MB),
- Payment in full - \$350 USD

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

## **Application Process**

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Applications for the 2016 YQ300 will be accepted starting Opening Day of sign up on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Avenue from 12pm-2pm.
  - **Opening Day in Whitehorse** - at the Yukon Quest Office located at 1109 Front Street from 1pm-3pm.
  - All applications after August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 will be accepted at the Yukon Quest office in Alaska during regular business hours.
- **By Mail** – you may send your entries to the Alaska office. Address listed on page 1.
- **By Fax** – entries may be faxed to the Alaska office. Number listed on page 1.
- **By Email** – entries will be accepted at the Alaska office.
  - Alaska – Neil Gabbart - [questops@mosquitonet.com](mailto:questops@mosquitonet.com)

**Entry Applications must be received or postmarked no later than 5pm, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

## **Sign Up Order**

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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 sign up location on Opening Day (Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016).

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