

Yukon Quest Sanctioned Qualifying Races

Mushers interested in running the 2018 Yukon Quest:

Mushers must have demonstrated ability to complete a long distance sled dog race. Rookie mushers must complete a 300 mile YQI sanctioned race and one other YQI sanctioned race of at least 200 miles (500 miles minimum).

Qualifying races must be completed within 42 months of the start of the Yukon Quest race.

[Musher Assessment Forms](#) must be completed for both qualifiers, and submitted with entry, if available for 2018 race. If qualifier is run between August 5, 2017 and January 28, 2017, the musher assessment form is due within 10 days of running the qualifying race. Musher Assessment Forms for all qualifiers will be required for the 2020 race.

Iditarod Finishers are qualified to enter the Yukon Quest.

YQI may deem that previous or other racing experience is considered equivalent to one or both of the qualifiers. Mushers applying for this consideration must do so in writing by December 1, 2017.

NOTE: No race allowing outside assistance (optional or otherwise) will be approved or accepted as a qualifier for the 2018 Yukon Quest.

All applicants will have their applications to enter the Yukon Quest reviewed by the YQI Rules Committee.

YQI will honor censures from the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Censures from other sled dog racing organizations may be honored. Entry will not be accepted until unpaid fines and bills to YQI are paid.

No one convicted of animal abuse or neglect may enter the Yukon Quest.

Qualifiers must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Must be eligible distance (200 miles or more, OR 300 miles or more for 300 qualifiers)
- Must be a continuous-run race (stage races do not qualify)
- Must have a written set of Rules.
- Must have a Race Marshal overseeing the rules and the conduct of the race.
- Must have a Vet Program to ensure good canine care.
- Must support independent travel (no outside assistance allowed)

It is suggested that all races honor YQ censures.

NEW for 2018:

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The following races are sanctioned qualifiers for the 2018 Yukon Quest.

Qualifier status is subject to change depending on outcome of each race or any changes for the 2017/18 season.

Races qualifying as 200 miles	Miles	Location
CALEDONIA CLASSIC	200M	Fort Saint James, BC
CAN-AM CROWN INTERNATIONAL	250M	Maine, USA
EAGLE CAP 200	200M	Oregon, USA
FEMUNDLOPET 400K	248M	Norway
GIN GIN 200	200M	Alaska, USA
HUDSON BAY QUEST	250M	Manitoba, Canada
KNIK 200	200M	Alaska, USA
PERCY De WOLFE MEMORIAL MAIL RACE	210M	Yukon, Canada / Alaska, USA
TUSTUMENA 200	200M	Alaska, USA
TWO RIVERS 200	200M	Alaska, USA
TOBACCO TRAIL 325K	200M	Sweden
Races qualifying as 300 miles	Miles	Location
CANADIAN CHALLENGE (run as a Yukon Quest qualifier)	300M	Saskatchewan, Canada
COPPER BASIN 300	300M	Alaska, USA
FEMUNDLOPET 600K	372M	Norway
FINNMARKSLOPET 500K	312M	Norway
FINNMARKSLOPET 1000K	625M	Norway
IDITAROD TRAIL SLED DOG RACE	300M of	Alaska, USA
KLONDIKE 300	300M	Alaska, USA
KOBUK 440	440M	Alaska, USA
KUSKOKWIM 300	300M	Alaska, USA
NORTHERN LIGHTS 300	300M	Alaska, USA
TOLOVANA 300	300M	Alaska, USA
WILLOW 300	300M	Alaska, USA
YUKON QUEST	300M of	Alaska, USA / Yukon, Canada
YUKON QUEST 300	300M	Alaska, USA / Yukon, Canada

Please note: Races allowing outside assistance (optional or not) are no longer approved or accepted as qualifiers for the Yukon Quest.

SLED DOG RACE ORGANIZERS

If you are the organizer of a sled dog race that is interested in applying to become an Official Qualifier of the Yukon Quest, please see the Application Process.