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Start order set for Iditarod XLVIII

Anchorage, Alaska – The largest fundraiser for the Iditarod Trail Committee drew more than 1,500 people to the Dena’ina Civic & Convention Center tonight. The annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Musher’s Banquet is a lively night where mushers meet with the fans and draw for their official start order for the nearly 1,000-mile journey to Nome.

The 48th running of the Last Great Race on Earth includes 15 women and 42 men, made up of 12 rookies and 45 veterans. Five former champions are back in the race and the mushers come from five different countries. The oldest musher is 79 “years young” and the youngest is 23 years old.

The race will be run on the northern route, where the halfway point will be the checkpoint of Cripple. Mushers will visit a total of 24 checkpoints.

Tonight, the mushers drew for their respective starting order and the official 2020 Iditarod race start order is:

Bib Number	Musher Name	Sex	City	State	Country	Status
2	Martin Massicotte	M	St-Tite	Quebec	Canada	Rookie
3	Tim Pappas	M	Big Lake	AK	USA	Veteran
4	Kristy Berington	F	Knik	AK	USA	Veteran
5	Ramey Smyth	M	Willow	AK	USA	Veteran
6	Fabio Berlusconi	M	Lomazzo		Italy	Rookie
7	Wade Marrs	M	Willow	AK	USA	Veteran
8	Linwood Fiedler	M	Willow	AK	USA	Veteran
9	Peter Kaiser	M	Bethel	AK	USA	Veteran
10	Lev Shvarts	M	Willow	AK	USA	Veteran
11	Laura Neese	F	McMillan	MI	USA	Veteran
12	Lance Mackey	M	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Veteran
13	Meredith Mapes	F	Palmer	AK	USA	Veteran
14	Deke Naaktgeboren	M	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Rookie
15	Karin Hendrickson	F	Wasilla	AK	USA	Veteran
16	Richie Diehl	M	Aniak	AK	USA	Veteran

17	Gabe Dunham	F	Willow	AK	USA	Rookie
18	Anna Berington	F	Knik	AK	USA	Veteran
19	Jason Campeau	M	Rocky Mountain House	AB	Canada	Veteran
20	Travis Beals	M	Seward	AK	USA	Veteran
21	Nicolas Petit	M	Girdwood	AK	USA	Veteran
22	Kelly Maixner	M	Big Lake	AK	USA	Veteran
23	Aliy Zirkle	F	Two Rivers	AK	USA	Veteran
24	Jeff Deeter	M	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Veteran
25	Aaron Burmeister	M	Nome/Nenana	AK	USA	Veteran
26	Martin Buser	M	Big Lake	AK	USA	Veteran
27	Mitch Seavey	M	Seward	AK	USA	Veteran
28	Robert Redington	M	Willow	AK	USA	Veteran
29	Matt Failor	M	Willow	AK	USA	Veteran
30	Tom Knolmayer	M	Wasilla	AK	USA	Veteran
31	Jessie Royer	F	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Veteran
32	Mille Porsild	F			Denmark	Rookie
33	Michelle Phillips	F	Tagish	YT	Canada	Veteran
34	Jessie Holmes	M	Nenana	AK	USA	Veteran
35	Joar Leifseth Ulsom	M	Mo i Rana		Norway	Veteran
36	Aaron Peck	M	Grande Prairie	AB	Canada	Veteran
37	Ryan Redington	M	Skagway	AK	USA	Veteran
38	Magnus Kaltenborn	M	Whitehorse	YT	Canada	Veteran
39	Tom Frode Johansen	M	Furuflaten		Norway	Rookie
40	Thomas Waerner	M	Torpa		Norway	Veteran
41	Jessica Klejka	F	Wasilla	AK	USA	Veteran
42	Zoya DeNure	F	Delta Junction	AK	USA	Veteran
43	Monica Zappa	F	Kasilof	AK	USA	Veteran
44	Brent Sass	M	Eureka	AK	USA	Veteran
45	Larry Daugherty	M	Eagle River	AK	USA	Veteran
46	Sean Underwood	M	Atlanta	GA	USA	Rookie
47	Jeremy Keller	M	Knik	AK	USA	Veteran
48	Riley Dyché	M	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Rookie
49	Alan Eischens	M	Wasilla	AK	USA	Veteran
50	Quince Mountain	M	Mountain	WI	USA	Rookie

51	Grayson Bruton	M	Sterling	AK	USA	Rookie
52	Damon Ramaker	M	Fountain	MN	USA	Rookie
53	Dennis Kananowicz	M	Tolsona	AK	USA	Veteran
54	Robert Bundtzen	M	Anchorage	AK	USA	Veteran
55	Jim Lanier	M	Chugiak	AK	USA	Veteran
56	Nils Hahn	M	Nome	AK	USA	Veteran
57	Kaci Murringer	F	Willow	AK	USA	Rookie
58	Paige Drobny	F	Cantwell	AK	USA	Veteran

Complete race information is available at <http://iditarod.com/race/>.

The ceremonial start of Iditarod XLVIII takes place Saturday, March 7, 2020, at 10 a.m. in downtown Anchorage at the corner of Fourth Avenue and D Street.

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