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***(Updated June 27, 2021 to reflect additional musher application submittal prior to the June 26 midnight deadline... please note additional submittals may still may be accepted if mailed prior to the deadline)***

**49 mushers enter 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Iditarod on opening day**

**Wasilla, Alaska** – Today, the Iditarod announced that 48 mushers have submitted their entries for the 50th running of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race to start in Anchorage on March 5, 2022.

The Iditarod is kicking off its Golden Anniversary with one of the strongest fields in race history, including current (and five-time) Iditarod champion Dallas Seavey, four-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser, three-time Iditarod champion Mitch Seavey, 2018 champion Joar Leifseth Ulsom, 2019 champion Pete Kaiser, and 2020 Iditarod champion Thomas Waerner.

Today's entrants include nine rookies. International teams from Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, and Norway and the states of New Hampshire and Montana are represented as well. The remaining mushers are all from Alaska.

To see the entire list of entrants, please click [here](#).

"The energy at sign-up day was electric as there were 15 championships represented at our headquarters today, veteran mushers chomping at the bit to be back on the runners and rookies committed to a life changing journey. Iditarod Nation is stoked," said Iditarod CEO Rob Urbach.

The Iditarod also announced the opening of its summer raffle featuring a grand prize winner of \$100,050, two awards of \$10,000, and twenty-seven \$1,000 winners. The raffle drawing will be held at the Alaska State Fair Iditarod booth on the purple trail at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 6. Winners do not need to be present to win. Alaskans can purchase by phone at 800-545-6874 or online at [iditarod.ejoinme.org/2021summerraffle](http://iditarod.ejoinme.org/2021summerraffle).

For those who reside outside of Alaska, please purchase by phone at 800-545-6874.

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**About the Iditarod**

The Iditarod Trail Committee is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the rich tradition of the Alaska sled dog and the Iditarod Trail. The organization is charged with coordinating the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, an annual long-distance sled dog race stretching from Anchorage to Nome for nearly a 1,000-mile journey through Alaska over the roughest, most breathtaking terrain in the world. For more information, visit: [www.iditarod.com](http://www.iditarod.com).

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