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**21 mushers enter the running for the 2023 Iditarod on opening day**

**Wasilla, Alaska** – Today, the Iditarod announced that 21 mushers have submitted their entries in the first round of the 51st running of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race set to start in Anchorage on Saturday, March 4, 2023. This first round of mushers have some advantages over the rest of the field, who have until November 30, 2022 to sign up. One major advantage was realized by two mushers today. Iditarod Veterans Kristy Berington and Travis Beals names were drawn and their entries were returned.

Iditarod 2022 champion Brent Sass will be competing against four of last year's top ten competitors (Jessie Holmes, Dan Kaduce, Richie Diel, and Ryan Redington). One team from Denmark and one team from New Hampshire join 19 teams from Alaska on this first day of sign ups.

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

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. 5. Winners do not need to be present to win. Alaskans can purchase online at <https://iditarod.com/2022-summer-affle> or feel free to call the below numbers.

For those who reside outside of Alaska, please purchase by phone at  
800-545-6874 or 1+(907) 545-6974

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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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