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**26 mushers enter the running for the 2024 Iditarod on opening day**

**Wasilla, Alaska** – As of 3:00 p.m. today, the Iditarod announced that 26 mushers have submitted their entries for the 2024 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, scheduled to start in Anchorage on Saturday, March 2, 2024 with the official Restart taking place the following day in Willow.

The Iditarod is kicking off its 52nd year with an incredibly strong group of mushers, including current Iditarod champion Ryan Redington, plus 2023 Rookie of the Year, Eddie Burke, Jr., and many long-time veterans including but not limited to, Jason Mackey, Mille Porsild, Dallas Seavey, Riley Dyché, Jessie Royer, Nic Petit and more. Today's entrants include nine rookies and 17 veterans, 19 men and seven women, 10 returning mushers from the 2023 Iditarod and three past Iditarod champions.

To see the entire list of entrants, please click [here](#). Musher's who were unable to be at Iditarod Headquarters in person today are still able to sign up to run the 2024 Iditarod via mail, email or in person. The last day to sign up for the 2024 race before the entry fee increases is November 30, 2023.

Two mushers at today's picnic were the recipients of free entries into the 2024 Iditarod as the annual drawing took place: Brent Sass and Eddie Burke, Jr.

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 green trail at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 4. Winners do not need to be present to win. Alaskans can purchase online at [iditarod.com/summer-affle](http://iditarod.com/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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