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Musher start order set for the 52nd running of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race®

Anchorage, Alaska – A lively crowd of over 1,000 race fans, sponsors and supporters filled up the Dena’ina Civic Convention Center for the annual Iditarod Musher’s Drawing Banquet. The banquet is the largest fundraiser for the Iditarod Trail Committee, which is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization.

The 52nd running of the Last Great Race on Earth® includes 27 Alaskans, 4 international mushers, 16 rookies, 22 veterans and 3 former champions. The field of 38 mushers is made up of 11 women and 27. The race will run the [Northern Route](#), where the halfway point will be the Cripple checkpoint. Tonight, the mushers drew for their respective starting order and the official 2024 Iditarod race start order is:

Bib #	Musher Name	Sex	City	State	Country	Status
2	Anna Berington	F	Knik	AK	USA	Veteran
3	Connor McMahon	M	Carcross	Yukon Territory	CANADA	Rookie
4	Will Rhodes	M	Two Rivers	AK	USA	Rookie
5	Mats Pettersson	M	Kiruna		SWEDEN	Veteran
6	Bryce Mumford	M	Preston	ID	USA	Rookie
7	Dallas Seavey	M	Talkeetna	AK	USA	Veteran
8	Jessica Klejka	F	Wasilla	AK	USA	Veteran
9	Jessie Holmes	M	Brushkana	AK	USA	Veteran
10	Hunter Keefe	M	Knik	AK	USA	Veteran
11	Joshua Robbins	M	Willow	AK	USA	Rookie
12	Mille Porsild	F			DENMARK	Veteran
13	Lauro Eklund	M	Two Rivers	AK	USA	Rookie

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14	Travis Beals	M	Seward	AK	USA	Veteran
15	Isaac Teaford	M	Salt Lake City	UT	USA	Rookie
16	Matt Hall	M	Two Rivers	AK	USA	Veteran
17	Nicolas Petit	M	Big Lake	AK	USA	Veteran
18	Jeff Deeter	M	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Veteran
19	Jason Mackey	M	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Veteran
20	Jessie Royer	F	Seeley Lake	MT	USA	Veteran
21	Ryan Redington	M	Knik	AK	USA	Veteran
22	Josi Thyr	F	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Rookie
23	Erin Altemus	F	Grand Marais	MN	USA	Rookie
24	Gabe Dunham	F	Willow	AK	USA	Rookie
25	Anna Hennessy	F	Willow	AK	USA	Rookie
26	Peter Kaiser	M	Bethel	AK	USA	Veteran
27	Sean Williams	M	Chugiak	AK	USA	Rookie
28	Amanda Otto	F	Victor	ID	USA	Veteran
29	Aaron Burmeister	M	Nome/Nenana	AK	USA	Veteran
30	Severin Cathry	M	Airolo		Switzerland	Rookie
31	Matthew Failor	M	Willow	AK	USA	Veteran
32	Bailey Vitello	M	Milan	NH	USA	Veteran
33	Benjamin Good	M	North Pole	AK	USA	Rookie
34	Deke Naaktgeboren	M	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Veteran
35	Jeff Reid	M	Two Rivers	AK	USA	Rookie
36	Lara Kittelson	F	Battle Ground	WA	USA	Rookie
37	Calvin Daugherty	M	Sterling	AK	USA	Rookie
38	Paige Drobny	F	Cantwell	AK	USA	Veteran
39	Wally Robinson	M	Nenana	AK	USA	Veteran

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The ceremonial start will take place on Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m., in downtown Anchorage, followed by the official restart in Willow on Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m. Teams will leave from the start line at each start in two minute intervals. For information on public shuttle bus service from Anchorage and Wasilla, visit the [Iditarod's website](http://www.iditarod.com). There will be a \$20 cash-only charge per vehicle for parking in Willow. The general public will not be allowed to park in the Willow Community Center parking lot. Accessible parking will be located as close as possible to the Willow Community Center entrance. On race day, look for electronic sign boards located on the Parks Highway in Wasilla and at Houston High School advising current information on parking availability in Willow.

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