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Musher start order set for the 53rd running of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race®

Anchorage, Alaska – A lively crowd of over 1,100 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 53rd running of the Last Great Race on Earth® includes 29 Americans (19 Alaskans, 3 mushers from Michigan, 1 from Alabama, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire and Wisconsin) and 4 international mushers (2 Canadians, 1 Dane and 1 Norwegian). The field of 33 mushers is made up of 11 women and 22 men; 16 of which are rookies, 17 are veterans and 2 are past champions. The race will run a [new route](#) this year which will be starting at Pike’s Waterfront Lodge in Fairbanks, where the halfway point will be the Grayling 1 checkpoint. Tonight, the mushers drew for their respective starting order and the official 2025 Iditarod race start order is:

Bib Number	Name	Sex	City	State	Country	Status
2	Jason Mackey	M	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Veteran
3	Samantha LaLonde	F	Farmington Hills	MI	USA	Rookie
4	Matt Hall	M	Two Rivers	AK	USA	Veteran
5	Ebbe Pedersen	M	Alta		NORWAY	Rookie
6	Travis Beals	M	Seward	AK	USA	Veteran
7	Nicolas Petit	M	Big Lake	AK	USA	Veteran
8	Sydnie Bahl	F	Wasilla	AK	USA	Rookie
9	Brenda Mackey	F	Fairbanks	AK	US	Rookie
10	Jenny Roddewig	F	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Rookie
11	Mike Parker	M	Eagle River	AK	USA	Rookie

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12	Anna Berington	F	Knik	AK	USA	Veteran
13	Keaton Loebrich	M	Midland	MI	USA	Rookie
14	Michelle Phillips	F	Ten Mile	YT	CANADA	Veteran
15	Jessie Holmes	M		AL	USA	Veteran
16	Ryan Redington	M	Knik	AK	USA	Veteran
17	Riley Dyche	M	Big Lake	AK	USA	Veteran
18	Mille Porsild	F			DENMARK	Veteran
19	Daniel Klein	M	Eagle	WI	USA	Rookie
20	Gabe Dunham	F	Willow	AK	USA	Veteran
21	Dane Baker	M	Royal Oak	MI	USA	Rookie
22	Bailey Vitello	M	Milan, NH/ Nenana, AK	NH/AK	USA	Veteran
23	Lauro Eklund	M	Two Rivers	AK	USA	Veteran
24	Bryce Mumford	M	Preston	ID	USA	Rookie
25	Calvin Daugherty	M	Eagle River	AK	USA	Rookie
26	Paige Drobný	F	Cantwell	AK	USA	Veteran
27	Quince Mountain	M	Mountain	WI	USA	Rookie
28	Connor McMahon	M	Carcross	YT	CANADA	Rookie
29	Justin Olnes	M	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Rookie
30	Charmayne Morrison	F	Bozeman	MT	USA	Rookie
31	Matthew Failor	M	Willow	AK	USA	Veteran
32	Mitch Seavey	M	Seward/Sterling	AK	USA	Veteran
33	Jeff Deeter	M	Fairbanks	AK	USA	Veteran
34	Emily Ford	F	Duluth	MN	USA	Rookie

The Ceremonial Start will take place on Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m., in downtown Anchorage, followed by the Official Restart in Fairbanks on Monday, March 3, at 2 p.m. Teams will leave from the start line in three minute intervals in Anchorage and two minute intervals in Fairbanks. For information on public shuttle bus service and other information about the Fairbanks start, please visit the [Explore Fairbanks website](#).

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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.

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