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Iditarod Trail Committee's response to the Yukon Quest's censure of Hugh Neff

Wasilla, Alaska - The Iditarod Trail Committee (ITC) was informed earlier today that an independent review board upheld the Yukon Quest's censure of musher Hugh Neff, and that Neff will be ineligible to apply to race in the YQ300 and the Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race in 2019.

On Saturday, June 30, 2018, the ITC will begin signing mushers up for the 2019 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Iditarod Headquarters in Wasilla. Each musher who applies for race entry must acknowledge that their qualifications will be reviewed by the ITC Qualifying Review Board (QRB), compiled of five qualified individuals who are recommended by the Rules Committee and appointed by the Board of Directors.

The ITC Qualifying Review Board reserves the right to reject any entrant that does not conform with or demonstrate humane animal care practices and does not exemplify the spirit and principles of the Iditarod Trail Committee as set forth in the 2019 rules, policies, bylaws and mission statement. The decision to reject any entrant by the QRB will be final and binding.

The results of this review process will be determined within 30 days of the date that the musher signs up.

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