

Freight Racers to Get Pokes of Gold Prizes

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If you're going to enter a team in the Gold Poke Freighting Race in Fairbanks next month, you'd better hurry.

With a prize of \$600 to \$1000, it is certain that competition will be keen. Winners of the two-day race will receive their prizes in form of pokes of genuine, top quality, gold nuggets (which

can be exchanged for that green stuff).

According to Roger Burggraf, president of the Alaska Dog Mushers' Association, interest in the recently announced race is running so high, he suspects a limit of entries may be necessary.

Six local teams are ready to sign up for the race—newest addition to the North American Championship Races—and race officials expect at least one team from Pt. Barrow or Wainwright, possibly two from Nenana, and one hopeful from Anchorage.

Contestants will be allowed 9 dogs at the most, but no fewer than 7. The freight sleds will each be loaded with 500 pounds of sacked sand. Teams will race? around a special ten-mile track on March 9th and do the same thing again on March 10th.

Winners (three places) will be determined by the total time elapsed for the two-day race. It has not yet been determined if day money

will be paid.

Equipment and gear used in the race must pass final inspection by race judges before team drivers are qualified. Each racer must carry a stout snow hook to anchor his team on the trail should another team attempt a pass.

The drawing for race positions for the first heat will be held in the studios of KFAR Radio-TV on Wed., March 6, 7:00. The contestants will appear on a special

television and radio feature during the drawing for the Women's North American Sled Dog Race drawing which will be held the same evening between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Bus transportation from Fairbanks will be provided this year to the race track on Farmer's Loop Road.

Persons desiring to enter the freighting race should write Alaska Dog Mushers' Association, Box 1212, Fairbanks, for a copy of the race rules and entry blanks.