

## **2020 All Saints Course Setter Notes**

### **COVID Notes**

Due to COVID Pandemic concerns, all participants must wear a face mask except when you are on your course. You need a mask on while checking in and waiting in line for any administration tasks, including waiting in the line for your start. You may remove and pocket your mask once you are heading to the start triangle. We ask everyone to maintain six feet separation for physical distancing purposes. After you reach the final control, we ask that you put your mask back on before you approach the finish table. You will need to download, get your result printout and step away from the area. If you rented an ESTICK from NTOA, we will have a bucket with soapy water for you to place your ESTICK into.

### **General Notes**

This event will be run as a “Bare Bones” event. We will only have three courses set up. A Yellow course, a Short Advanced (Similar to Brown) and a Long Advanced (Similar to Red). All three courses will use electronic timing. NTOA can rent out ESTICKS to people but the club is limited to 130 rentals. If you have your own, you should be using it. There will be NO water placed along any of the courses. Please carry your own water with you.

The registration area will be at the same location as years past. Simply drive into the camp and you will see registration on your left at the large grass field. Please park along the road as far over as you can. A short distance to the north of the Registration area will be a Start Staging area. The start area is to the east of the road and we will have some orange cones in that area. Please do not park along that area where the cones are.

Once you have checked in at Registration, you may proceed to the start area, a short walk north of the registration. Since the event is all EPUNCH, there will not be assigned start times. Starts will be one minute apart. Since no start times will be needed, we will be onsite, and people may start anytime between 9 AM and Noon.

There are no awards at this event and results will only be posted on the NTOA website.

Please make sure you check back in with the Finish area and download your ESTICK. Please do this even if you did not complete the course. This allows NTOA to know if there are missing competitors.

### **Map**

The maps for all courses will be at a scale of 1:7500 with a contour of 3.0 meters.

## **Terrain**

The terrain is hilly with open vegetation. The terrain can be flat or have many gullies, high cliffs and earth banks, and dry stream beds, some of with steep sloping sides. The openness of the vegetation will provide opportunities for point-to-point navigation.

## **Trails**

Many of the trails are open and distinct; however, some can be covered with leaves and can be hard to find. Some of these trails have been flagged with orange ribbons to assist in following them, though the flagging may be old.

## **Water Features**

Lake Texoma is currently at its normal level, and streams and ditches are dry. As with trails, some shallow waterways may be difficult to discern due to coverage by leaves.

## **Hazards**

Running through unfamiliar territory is always dangerous. As you get near the lake or water features at the lake, there could be a large number of trash around. This is due to flooding in the past several years. As you progress farther to the east of the registration area, you will find trees down on some of the trails. Notable terrain hazards include high cliffs and earth banks, barbed wire (especially that on the ground), briars, poison ivy, loose rocks, and leaf-hidden hazards. Some trails have small stumps protruding up from the ground and can be an unexpected trip hazard. Another notable hazard runners will encounter when off the trail are short cedar branches protruding out from tree trunks at eye level and can be dangerous to runner's eyes.

## **Sportsmanship**

The courses utilize the entire property and pass through all areas of the camp. If there are campers, please take care not to disturb them. There may be school children at the camp studying the wonders of the outdoors. Please steer around them and their activities. Do not tamper with the camp property or any orienteering controls you may see. Doing so will result in immediate disqualification from the meet.

## **Courses**

The offered courses are Yellow, Short Advanced and Long Advanced. All courses will use EPUNCH.

| Course | Length (km) | Controls |
|--------|-------------|----------|
| Yellow | 3.34        | 16       |

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|-----------|------|----|
| Short ADV | 4.38 | 13 |
| Long ADV  | 6.09 | 18 |

## Controls

The controls will be marked with the traditional orange and white bag. All bags will have a plastic pin punch and will also have an electronic punch box. When you EPUNCH, if you do not hear a beep when your e-punch is in the box, then punch your map with the pin punch at the control bag.

**NOTE:** All Saints has set up its own orienteering course, and NTOA runners may encounter these controls. The All Saints course bags look identical to the NTOA bags but they DO NOT have an NTOA number. Be sure to check to see if the control you are at has an NTOA control number and an EBOX on it before EPUNCHING. The All Saints controls will not have Electronic controls. It is always the responsibility of each runner on every course to ensure they are punching the control specified on their clue sheet. All Saints has also hung a few colored ribbons on trees and special features. These are not part of our meet and can be ignored.

## Special Features

Special man-made features as indicated on the map and clue sheets by an "x" or "o" can mean signs, tables, benches, poles, posts, or miscellaneous man-made debris.

## Out of Bounds

There are a few small areas in the central part of the camp that have been marked on the map with vertical red lines, which indicate out of bounds. These are residential areas for the camp staff. Please respect their privacy. Other out-of-bound areas around the camp are also marked with red vertical lines. The area west of the power lines on the western edge of the camp is out of bounds. Fences marked as uncrossable should be considered as such. All courses have been routed around them. There is also area in the southeastern part of the camp that we have used on a yearly basis in the past but is now out of bounds. It is indicated as such on the map and by purple-painted fence posts. Only the advanced runners will be in vicinity of this area of the camp.

## Safety bearing

All creeks run down hill to the lake. Follow any creek downstream and you will cross a trail, which you can follow to the west until you meet one of the north-south roads. If you encounter the lake instead, head west along the lakeshore, which will bring you either back to the camp or to one of the north-south roads on the western side of the camp.

All Saints with its openness, variety of terrain, and size makes for a wonderful venue for orienteering. I hope you will find your run to be challenging but not overwhelming and that you will have a safe and enjoyable experience.

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