

Texas Stampede XIII
Camp Trevor Rees-Jones (formerly Camp Clements)
Athens, TX

Dec. 19, 2020

Meet Director Notes

As at last month's Red River Ramble, we'll run the Texas Stampede as a barebones event due to COVID-19. We're following the recommendations of the sport's national organizing body, Orienteering USA, to try to prevent SARS-CoV-2 transmission at events. This includes some different rules from our traditional events with the goal of minimizing interpersonal interaction.

Before the event:

- Pre-registration at NTOA.com is required. We had a few day-of-race walk-ups at Red River Ramble and were fortunately able to produce a few extra maps from no-shows, but we discourage walk-ups in order to avoid social contact. This also means you can't switch courses.
- Pre-payment is also required. We accept PayPal at NTOA.com, or you can make other arrangements with the NTOA treasurer (email address on the website).
- To reduce physical contact, we encourage you to preprint and fill out a participation waiver and bring it with you. If you don't, we will have a table where you can fill out a waiver.
- We'll have a short slate of three courses available: Yellow (advanced beginner, the easiest choice), Brown (short advanced) and Red (Long advanced). See Olivia's course setter notes for more details.
- All three courses will use electronic timing. If you don't own an e-punch, that's OK – you can rent one from NTOA for the day for \$3. Note: If you DO own your own e-punch, please use it, as we only have about 130 rentals.

At the event:

- Event HQ will be at the Camp Trevor Rees-Jones HQ building. We'll have different stations spaced out to maintain social distance.
- All participants must wear a face mask except when out on a course. This includes while checking in and waiting in lines. You may remove your mask once you are heading to the start triangle. We also ask everyone to maintain six feet of separation.
- We won't be placing drinking water along any of the courses. Please bring your own water carrier if you'll want some.

Start and Finish process:

1. Come to the registration table to turn in your completed waiver. When you do, you'll receive a bag with a label, clue sheet, and epunch (if rented). Remember to put the epunch lanyard around your wrist so you don't lose the epunch—if you do, you will

owe us \$30, unfortunately. Due to the pandemic, we will NOT be holding drivers licenses or keys as collateral until you return the epunch, so please remember to do so.

2. Once you get your bag, you can proceed to the start area. This will be located at the far end of Perryman Lake near the dam. Because everyone is using epunch, no start times are assigned. Instead, starts will be on based order of people lined up at the start. Please remain socially distant while you wait your turn.
3. Show your bag with its label to the start captain and you will get the map for your course. You will also need to clear and check your epunch. (They can show you how.)
4. You can start any time you wish between 9 a.m. and noon – though we encourage you to go out as soon as you reasonably can so that we don't have a bunch up close to noon.
5. After you get your map, go to the start triangle where the start control is located. Please remember to epunch the start control so that your time counts.
6. Once you're out on the course, you can remove your mask. But please don't congregate at controls or elsewhere out on the courses.
7. The time limit on all courses is 3 hours – please be back at the time, even if you don't find all of the controls on your course.
8. Once you finish, you need to put your mask back on. Proceed to the Finish table and download your epunch data. This tells you your result and also lets us verify that you got back safely off the course. Even if you don't find all the controls, you MUST check in. If you rented an epunch, you need to return it.
9. Because this is a barebones event, there will be no awards, but the results will be posted on the NTOA website.

Note: There will not be a beginner's clinic/class. However, there are many good beginner orienteering resources online. For example: www.bit.ly/OrienteeringForBeginners is a good video from UK that shows how to use the epunch, map, and compass. (Note that they call an epunch a "dibbler" in the video.) NTOA volunteers will also be around to answer questions.

Thanks for joining us, safely! See you soon.

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