

## **2021 All Saints Course Setter Notes**

### **General Notes**

COVID Protocols will be followed to the best of our ability. The main event page outlines the necessary measures that we must take to protect all from any exposure. This is especially true for those volunteers who work in close contact with participants at registration. So, please be mindful of this and help.

Due to COVID Pandemic concerns it is suggested that people congregating wear a face covering.

This event will be run with White, Yellow, Orange, Brown, Green and Red courses. All courses will use electronic timing. NTOA can rent out ESTICKS to people, but the club is limited to 148 rentals. If you have your own, you should be using it.

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 also located in the field as well as the Start Triangle. Runners will be crossing the main camp road so please be careful driving if you arrive or leave while the event is running, typically 10 AM until 2 PM.

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 and begin at 10 AM.

There will be an awards presentation in the early afternoon for competitive classes and results will 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.

### **Camp All Saints orienteering controls**

Be aware that the camp also has orienteering bags hanging in the forest. Please make sure that you are finding a NTOA bag which will have a paper punch, our control numbers on it, and electronic control box hanging nearby with the same number. There are places where both bags will be present.

### **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 amount 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 White, Yellow, Orange, Brown, Green and Red. All courses will use EPUNCH.

Course	Length (km)	Controls
White	2.58	14
Yellow	3.12	15

Orange	4.28	16
Brown	3.49	14
Green	4.68	14
Red	6.20	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 punch card with the pin punch at the control bag. When you return to finish, please inform a worker of the control issue and turn in your punch card for verification.

**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 downhill 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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