**Plano Score-O**

**Meet Director Notes**

Sat., May 7, 2023

Welcome to the last (scheduled) NTOA meet of our 2022-2023 season!

As discussed in Frank Ray’s course setter notes, the format for this event is a score-O where there is a time limit and you try to find as many controls as possible within the time limit.

The controls are worth different points based upon the distance from start as described in the course setter notes. The points are of White or Yellow difficulty (beginner-level), but if you want to find all of the controls, expect to go many miles.

There are penalties if you take longer than the time limit (90 minutes or 3 hours) -- losing more points the longer you’re out. And these penalties grow exponentially! In other words, if you’re late by:

* 1 to 59 seconds, penalty is 20 = 1 point
* 1:00 to 1:59, penalty is 21 = 2 points
* 2:00 to 2:59, penalty is 22 = 4 points
* 3:00-3:59, penalty is 23 = 8 points

Etc.

The penalty grows so quickly, that if you come in 10 minutes late, you lose 210, or 1024 points! (We stop tracking after that.)

So, if you can get one more high-value control and only be a minute or so late, then it is worth getting that control. But if you are going to be more than a few minutes late, you are better off skipping that control rather than incurring the large penalty.

Because there are water fountains in the center of the parks and marked on the map, we won’t put additional water out on the course. However, it will likely be warm and you might want to bring water with you, especially if you spend a lot of time at the outer edges of the parks.

Enjoy!

Jim