

3 February 2024 Plano Score-O Meet Director Notes

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Welcome to Oak Point Park in Plano. The park is located in the Rowlett Creek floodplain with the creek and related intermittent marshes and little creeks located in the middle of the park and higher ground to the east and west sides. There is an intensive network of paved biking and dirt hiking trails in the park, so you will never be far from a trail – even when you’re deep in the woods. The Score O will use Oak Point park as well as the northern part of Bob Woodruff park.

Meet headquarters will be at the Oak Park Pavilion just north of the lake. You park in the large circular parking lot

This is a Score-O which is different from our normal Orienteering meet. This means that there only one map with all of the controls on them. Your task, whether it is for a “short” course or the “long” course, is to find as many controls as you can within the allotted time for your course (either 90 or 180 minutes). The controls can be found in any order that you desire. But you must punch your card that corresponds to that control.

The controls are worth different point values, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, & 60 points depending upon how far they are from start and how difficult the controls are. The middle digit of the control number will indicate how much the control is worth. For example, control 115 would be worth 10 points and control 133 would be worth 30 point.

To encourage people to get back on time, there is penalty for being late. The penalty is the 2 to the power of the number of minutes late. However, we don’t let your score get lower than zero (0). If there is a tie, the faster time wins.

Minutes:seconds late	Points off
0:01 to 0:59	1
1:00 to 1:59	2
2:00 to 2:59	4
3:00 to 3:59	8
4:00 to 4:59	16
5:00 to 5:59	32
6:00 to 6:59	64
7:00 to 7:59	128
8:00 to 8:59	256
9:00 to 9:59	512
10:00 to 10:59	1024
11:00 or more	2048

You will register for either the short (90 minute) or long (3 hour course). However, if you get out on the course and decide that you want to go longer (e.g. signed up for 90 minutes but want to do 3 hours) or go shorter (e.g. signed up for 3 hours but want to only do 90 minutes), we can switch you from one course to the other if you let us know after you get in.

You must check in at the finish even if you want to stop early and leave because we check to ensure that everyone is safe and back in. If you don't check in we will start looking for you and the call police as needed. (At an earlier meet we had some teens decide to quit and called their parents to come pick them up without checking into the finish so that we were searching for them along with public safety officials before we found that they had left and were safe with their family.)

As of this writing (Jan 29th), the weather looks like it will be rainy and cool. However, still exercise caution and drink plenty of fluids while out on the course.

There are multiple water fountains in the parks and are marked on the map. Most appear to still be working even though it is wintertime – so we will not be putting out water unless the fountains get turned off.

There are likely to be many others out at the park as well. It is very important that we respect others in their use of the park. We cannot control others, but we can control ourselves. Runners must give way to mountain bikes or horses on the trails and not interfere with any field activity. Respect the property so that we impress upon others that we are good stewards, and we can use the park in the future.