

Dallas ISD Interscholastic Championships 2024

Course Setter Notes

Welcome to NTOA's annual orienteering event at Crawford Memorial Park.

Terrain

Crawford Memorial Park includes some technically challenging terrain in the form of complex erosion systems. Much of the park is criss-crossed by old mountain bike trails. Although there are some steep slopes in the erosion complexes and along Prairie Creek, the park is mostly flat. The minor watercourses on the map are dry, unless we unexpectedly get a lot of rain. Much of the rough open land in the southern part of the map has low vegetation that is difficult to run through since it has not all been mowed in recent years. On the northern and northeastern sides of the park, there are athletic fields. Please avoid the fields if they are in use. In general, the area near the paved pedestrian path in the northern part of the park has a lot of usage by the local population.

Maps, Contour and Scale

The map has a 2-meter contour interval. All courses are on 1:5,000 scale. Symbols are described on the map. Some small indistinct trails have been added back to the map, particularly where they aid in navigating through dense vegetation. Vegetation and minor watercourses may not be updated in some areas. More often than not, the vegetation density tends to increase over time.

Hazards

Running through unfamiliar terrain is always dangerous. Notable terrain hazards include high cliffs, steep slopes, briars, loose rocks, cedar tree branches, deep water and leaf-hidden hazards. Trash and debris have accumulated along some parts of the creek and on the wooded slopes near the soccer fields. Watch out for glass bottles if you come across this kind of material. Wild hogs have been observed in the park. Make loud noises and they will run away.

Stream Crossing Points

A large stream, Prairie Creek, flows southward through the middle of the park. In the northern part of the park the creek may be crossed easily on the Elam Road bridge or the reconstructed footbridge on the paved trail near the middle of the park. Where a black line is drawn along the blue water symbol it is not safe to cross the water. One shallow water crossing is mapped in the north; otherwise, the creek should not be crossed in the north part of the map where you cannot see the bottom of the streambed. In the southern part of the park there are several places for shallow water crossings. Crossable locations are also marked with red Crossing Point symbols

Course Details

Although the Orange course is not much longer than Yellow, it is significantly more difficult technically. There is also another increase in technical difficulty from Orange to Brown, Green and Red. Red, especially, will require penetration of dense vegetation to get to a few controls. Orange, Green and Red runners should expect to get their shoes wet. White, Yellow and Brown should be able to keep their feet dry.

Courses

Course:	Length:	Climb used:	Number of controls:
	[km]	[m]	
WHITE A	2.84	18	16
WHITE B	2.84	18	16
YELLOW A	4.40	48	18
YELLOW B	4.38	48	18
ORANGE	4.60	82	20
BROWN	3.32	56	14
GREEN	4.58	110	22
RED	6.16	128	28

Have fun out there,

Stan Darnell - course setter