

Dallas ISD Interscholastic Championships 2025

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 local residents.

Maps, Contours 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 to the map, particularly where they aid in navigating through dense vegetation. The map has been revised in several areas this year, but vegetation and minor watercourses may still not be up to date in some areas that are not near control points. 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. A few abandoned vehicles are in the park. Watch out for broken glass and other sharp objects, when you come across them. 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 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 length of the Orange course is only slightly more than the Yellow, it's significantly more difficult both physically and technically. There is also an increase in technical difficulty from Orange to Brown, Green and Red. Orange, Green and Red runners should expect to get their shoes wet. White,

Yellow and Brown should be able to keep their feet dry unless there is more rain than forecast at this time, one week before the event.

Courses

Course:	Length:	Climb:	Number of controls:
	[km]	[m]	
WHITE	2.75	18	14
YELLOW A	4.05	36	19
YELLOW B	4.05	36	19
ORANGE	4.69	64	20
BROWN	3.93	44	16
GREEN	4.94	84	19
RED	6.23	122	23

Have fun out there,

Stan Darnell - course setter