

2025 Plano Score-O Meet Director Notes

Welcome to Oak Point Park in Plano. The park is located in the Rowlett Creek floodplain. The large creek and related intermittent marshes and little creeks are located in the middle of the park with the 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 are 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. Park in the large circular parking lot.

This is a Score-O which has a different format than our normal orienteering meets. Everyone will have the same map with all of the controls on it. 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 (90 minutes for the short course and 3 hours for the long course). The controls can be found in any order you like, but you must punch your punch card in the appropriate space for the control that you have found.

The controls are worth different point values, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 & 60 points depending upon how far 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 points.

The person that gets the most points wins. In case of a point tie, the faster time wins.

To encourage people to get back on time, there is a point penalty for being late. The penalty is 2 to the power of the number of minutes late. However, we don't let your score drop lower than zero.

Minutes:seconds late	Points off Penalty
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 there and decide you want to go longer (e.g. signed up for 90 minutes but want to do 3 hours) or vice versa, we can switch you from one course to the other if you let us know when you get back.

You must check in at the finish even if you want to stop early and leave because we need to ensure that everyone is safe and back in. If you don't check in we will start looking for you and call the police if needed.

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

There are likely to be many other people out at the park. It is very important that we respect others in the use of the park. We can't control others, but we can control ourselves. Runners must give way to bikers or horses on the trails and not interfere with any field activity. Respect the property and show we are good stewards so that we can continue to use these parks in the future.

Have fun out there!

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