

Dallas ISD Interscholastic Championships 2022

Course Setter Notes

Welcome to a fun, exciting and challenging orienteering event at **Crawford Memorial Park**. In preparation of this event, we realized that the map was quite outdated. We therefore decided to make a major overhaul of the map. It has been done at very short notice and under significant time constraints, so please bear with me. The basic map is now in a much better condition. Contours, infrastructure, and most paths are now much more accurate. Some faint and disappearing paths have not been drawn on the map. Vegetation and minor watercourses are not fully updated. Generally, the vegetation density is as tough as drawn and, in many places, tougher to pass than drawn.

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 the stream, the park is mostly flat. Unless we unexpectedly get a lot of rain, the forest is very dry and there is little water in the stream. Where there on the map is a black line drawn along the blue water symbol it is not safe nor allowed to cross the water. Where there is no black line along the blue water the water can be passed safely however, if you are not careful you might get wet feet. Crossable locations are also marked with Mandatory Crossing symbols. A lot of the rough open land has increasing low vegetation that is hard work to run. In the North and Northeast side of the park there are Athletic Fields. Please avoid the fields that are in use. In general 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. The symbols are very similar to the ISOM 2017 Orienteering norm, but there are slight variations to the norm. The bridge over the stream in the centre of the park is damaged and unsafe for passage. It has been closed by the park officials. A solid and safe alternative crossing has been constructed to the north of the bridge and it is drawn on the map. On the map the old bridge is marked with red X's as for illegal to pass. Please do not cross the bridge.

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. Leave them alone and they will refrain from eating you for lunch.

Stream/Lake

A large stream flows southward through the middle of the park.

Stream Crossing points:

- In the northern part of the park the creek may be crossed easily on the Elam Road bridge or the newly constructed passing next to the large footbridge on the paved trail near the

middle of the park. 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.

Course Details

There is a significant increase in technical difficulty of Red, Brown and Green from Orange. Similarly, Orange is more difficult than Yellow. Especially Green and Red will require penetration of dense vegetation in order to get to a few of the controls. Proper dress and caution are recommended. All courses except white will require one or more stream crossings -- shoes might get wet. White and Yellow should be fun and fast running. Orange is fun with fast running and some technically challenging controls. I have put every effort into making Brown, Green and Red as technically challenging as I can.

I hope you will all enjoy it.

Course Length(M)

White 2.5

Yellow 3.4

Orange 5.0

Brown 4.7

Green 5.2

Red 6.1

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