

# Houston Orienteering Club

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## Challenger Seven Park Orienteering Meet Saturday, September 27, 2025

Challenger Seven Memorial Park, Webster, Texas

### COURSE SETTER NOTES

**\*Map:** An updated, color contour map of Challenger Seven Memorial Park will be provided to all registrants. Scale 1:7,500; 2.5 meter contour interval. Special thanks to Zach Thomas and Mike Flannigan for revising the map in time for this event.

**\*Terrain:** Challenger Seven is known for numerous expansive open areas, especially in the northern part of the map; many areas of dense fight, often cut by trails; a few marshy areas with tall grasses; and several distinctive elevated walkways in the southern part of the map. Low-lying areas may be muddy for the meet; overall though, the terrain has drained well from recent rains. Orienteers should be able to select dry routes to most or all controls. Some route choices on Orange and Black courses may cross through chest-high tall grass.

**\*Out-of-Bounds Areas:** Because of construction to improve park facilities, part of the park is out of bounds. Every course map is marked to identify the out-of-bounds areas that should not be entered by any participant. Out-of-bounds areas are marked on the maps with magenta cross-hatching.

Challenger Seven Memorial Park is open to the public. Please be courteous to other park patrons. Avoid choosing routes that take you through densely populated areas: playgrounds, pavilions, the fishing pier, etc.

**\*Hazards and Wildlife:** Hazards include thorny plants and (occasionally) poison ivy. All orienteers, especially those on Orange and Black courses, are encouraged to wear long pants and/or gaiters for leg protection. Additionally, be on the lookout for wild hogs, snakes, spiders, and biting insects.

**\*Water Controls:** Drinking water will be available at designated sites on each course. Please do not waste water. Please discard paper drinking cups and other trash items in the plastic trash bags provided.

**\*Safety Bearing for the event is NORTH.** When you reach the paved main road, proceed to the finish area or signal for assistance.