

Suncoast Orienteering (SOAR) will be resuming in-person events starting January 23<sup>rd</sup>. These are being done with Covid safety protocols from Orienteering USA, our insurer, park and school district regulations uppermost.

For sure you will notice changes from past procedures.

- Events are open to pre-entered JROTC teams only. The event is to be considered a sports competition and not a field trip.
- There MAY BE limits to the number of teams that can be entered in any one event. To avoid being cut out please get your entries in early.
- There will be no group meetings for event information and safety briefings. All information, start times and clue sheets / control descriptions will be sent to teams in advance.
- For larger events and to limit contact with other teams, teams will have pre-assigned 'start windows' (i.e. Teams A to D all start between 0900 and 1000, Teams E to H all start between 1030 and 1200, etc.)
- Teams are to stay to their own 'bubble' as much as possible. Your bubble: your rules. Outside the bubble and except while in active competition all attendees are to wear nose and mouth coverings, avoid close contact with others and wash and sanitize hands upon finishing. Teams are to leave the area as soon as their last athlete is finished.
- Start lines will have extra spacing in distance and time. No more than three of the six classes will be starting at any one minute interval.
- There will be no monitor display of Individual and Team Results. They will be available live via web page.
- There will be no closing Awards ceremony. This is a shame. The host school and winning teams will make arrangements for delivery of awards.
- Suncoast Credits: Teams participating in SOAR event will earn a \$1 per paid entry credit per event to a maximum of \$3 per entry for the Suncoast Orienteering Championships March 27 at JB Starkey Park. For instance Hunter HS JROTC brings 15 cadets to each of four events on the SOAR schedule, then enters 15 cadets in the March 27 championship event. Credit for the championships:  $3 \times \$15 = \$45$  reduction in fees for Suncoast Championships.

We hope we will see you at as many events as you and your team can attend. If there is anything we can do for you please let us know.

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