

## DFOK Christmas Challenge

This is a 60-minute score event with a difference.

The controls are identified by letters rather than numbers. Visit controls to make words. The longer the words the more points you score. You decide which words to make but there is also a list of special bonus words (see below) which score extra points. Once you have made one word then make another and as many as you can in the time available. If you are late back then there is a penalty of 1 point per minute or part of a minute over 60 minutes.

You must go to the finish to record your run but be careful not to run close to the finish until you are ready to do so.

3-letter words score 3 points; 4 letter words score 5 points; 5 letter words score 8 points and 6 letter words score 10 points. There are no extra points for words with more than 6 letters, other than the bonus words.

You must visit the controls in the correct letter order, so if you want to spell FOX you must visit F first, then O then X.

Because MapRun won't let you visit the same control twice in succession, words with double letters, such as HAPPY and MERRY, aren't possible. You can use a letter twice in a word if the letters are not adjacent, so SANTA and PRESENT are allowed.

Also because of this MapRun limitation it is not possible to start a word with the same letter as the word you have just finished. For example you can not make SANTA (or any other word beginning with S) immediately after CHRISTMAS.

Every word must be different and anagrams are not allowed. You can not, for example, make ART, TAR and RAT. Why would you want to anyway? Usual Scrabble rules apply. No proper nouns or foreign words, but plurals are allowed. My decision is final!

Please note that you may register a control you don't intend to use as you run past it. For example if you wanted to make FOX you would almost certainly register H on the way past. Don't worry about this. Ignore the additional control on MapRun. You won't get any points for it, just the 3 points for FOX.

On MapRun the controls have numerical values. These have been set up to match the letters, A=1, B=2 etc. When you visit T, for example, MapRun will show that you have visited control 20 (out of 23).

The bonus words and their values are:

CHRISTMAS	20
PRESENT	15
SNOWMAN	15
TURKEY	15
TINSEL	12
SANTA	10
NOEL	8
YULE	8
IVY	5

When you have finished your run upload the results to MapRun in the usual way. Then please email [information@dfok.co.uk](mailto:information@dfok.co.uk) to let me know what words you are claiming. I will check them and at the beginning of January let you all know who has won the Christmas challenge.

If you want to you could run this several times to have a go at making different words. When I announce the results I will give a small seasonal prize to the most interesting word or word combination in my entirely subjective opinion.

Have fun and Hapy or Mery Christmas

Geoff