

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS FOR ORIENTEERING

Control description sheet format

Event Example							
M45, M50, W21							
5	7.6 km	210 m					
1	212						
2	178						

- Event title
- Classes (optional line)
- Course code, course length in km to nearest 0.1 km, climb in metres to nearest 5m.
- Distance to the start triangle from the point of the timed start.
- Start location (first line of descriptions)
- Descriptions of individual controls
- Special instructions (e.g. follow taped route to control)
- Nature of route from last control to the Finish

Conforms to IOF specifications (2018) with Australian usage

For more information refer to the publications section of the IOF website (<http://www.orienteering.org/>)

Descriptions of individual controls (guide to columns)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
2	225				8 x 4		

- A Control number
- B Control code
- C Which of any similar feature
- D Control feature
- E Appearance
- F Dimensions/combinations
- G Location of the control flag
- H Other information

Column C

Which of any similar feature

	Northern ¹
	South eastern ¹
	Upper
	Lower
	Middle

Landforms

	Terrace
	Spur
	Gully
	Earth bank
	Quarry
	Earth wall
	Erosion gully
	Ditch, man-made
	Hill, large knoll
	High point, mound
	Saddle
	Depression
	Small depression
	Pit
	Broken ground
	Termite mound, ant hill

Column D

The control feature

Rock and boulders		Vegetation		Man made features (cont.)	
	Cliff, rock face		Open land		Building
	Rock pillar		Semi-open land		Paved area
	Cave		Forest corner		Ruin
	Boulder		Clearing		Pipeline
	Boulder field		Thicket		Tower
	Boulder cluster		Linear thicket		Shooting platform
	Rocky/stony ground		Vegetation boundary		Boundary stone, cairn
	Bare rock		Copse		Fodder rack ⁴
	Narrow passage		Distinctive tree		Charcoal ⁴ burning ground
Water and marsh			Tree stump, root stock		Monument or stone
	Lake	Man made features			Building pass through
	Pond		Road		Stairway
	Waterhole		Track		Trench
	River, watercourse		Fire break, ride		Out of Bounds Area
	Minor water course		Bridge		
	Narrow marsh		Power line		
	Marsh		Power line pylon		
	Firm ground in marsh		Tunnel		
	Well		Stone wall		
	Spring		Fence		
	Water tank, water trough		Crossing point		

Column E

Appearance

	Low ²
	Shallow ²
	Deep ²
	Overgrown ²
	Open ²
	Rocky, stony ²
	Marshy ²
	Sandy ²
	Needle leaved ⁴
	Broad leaved ⁴
	Ruined

Note: Special items must be defined for competitors in pre-event information

Column G

Location of control flag

	North east side ¹
	South east edge ¹
	West part ¹
	East corner (inside) ¹
	South corner (outside) ¹
	South west tip ¹
	North west end ¹
	Upper part
	Lower part
	Top
	Below
	Foot (no direction)
	North east foot ¹
	Between

If "between" is used in Column G, then the two features which the control is between are shown in D and E. Heights may be shown in F. e.g.

D	E	F	G
		2.0 1.5	Between boulder and knoll

Column H

Other information

	Refreshment point
	First aid post
	Control check

Column F

Dimensions/combinations

8 x 4	Size (horizontal dimensions)	2.0 3.0	Heights of two features with control between		Junction
2.5	Height or depth	0.5 3.0	Height of feature on slope		Bend
					Crossing

Nature of route from the last control to the Finish

	400m from last control to Finish. Follow taped route.
	150m from last control to Finish. Navigate to finish funnel, then follow tapes
	380m from last control to Finish. Navigate to finish. No tapes.

If either the crossing or junction symbols are used in Column F, the two features that cross or meet must be shown in D and E. e.g.

D	E	F

Road/track junction

¹ 8 points of compass possible
² Use if appearance not indicated on map
³ Can be used in combination
⁴ Not commonly used in Australia
⁵ Heights over 3 m usually to nearest metre