

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.)

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.

		2.0		Between boulder and knoll
		1.5		

Column H Other information

	Refreshment point
	First aid post
	Control check

Column F Dimensions/combinations

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

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.

			Road/tracks junction
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Nature of route from the last control to the Finish

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

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