

CONTROL SHEET SYMBOLS EXPLAINED

The control sheet gives you more detailed information about the exact placing of the control, within the control circle shown on the map. Control sheets have a set format and the descriptions follow a short-hand style unique to orienteering. (Descriptions for less technical grades are printed in english.)

Controls mark the points on a course that must be visited, normally in a set sequence. You record proof of visiting a control by clipping a clipcard or, more recently, by electronic punching.

To help you find each control you carry a map with the course marked on it, the controls are shown by circles, a clipcard or 'ecard', and a control sheet. (The control sheet is sometimes printed on the map.)

The standard IOF Control sheet symbols are shown on the next page.

Note:

- The control sheet symbols are **not** the same as the symbols used on the map.

The definition of all IOF Control sheet symbols is available from the IOF website, (follow the link on the club website.)

IOF Control Descriptions 2018

This is a summary of the IOF pictorial control descriptions. Full details can be obtained from the IOF web site at <http://www.orienteering.org>

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	123	↓	⊖	⊙	15 x 5	⊙	⊙

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

C - Which Feature

↑	Northern
—	Upper
—	Lower
	Middle

D - Control Feature

See below.

E - Appearance

⌒	Low
⌒	Shallow
⌒	Deep
⌒	Overgrown
⌒	Open
⌒	Rocky, Stony
⌒	Marshy
⌒	Sandy
⌒	Needle leaved
⌒	Broad leaved
⌒	Ruined

G - Location of Flag

⊙	West Side
⊙	South East Edge
⊙	East Part
⊙	South West Corner (inside)
⊙	North Corner (outside)
⊙	North West Tip
⊙	South East End
⊙	Upper Part
⊙	Lower Part
⊙	Top
⊙	Foot
⊙	North East Foot
⊙	Beneath
⊙	Between

F - Dimensions

1.5	Height or Depth
5 x 3	Size
1.0 / 2.5	Height on slope
1.5 / 2.5	Heights of two features
⌒	Crossing
⌒	Junction
⌒	Bend

H - Other Information

+	First aid post
⊙	Refreshment point
⊙	Manned control

--- 200 m --->△	Distance to Start Triangle from point of timed start
○---70 m--->	Follow Taped Route away from control
○---90 m--->⊙	Follow Taped Route between controls
⊙ --- ⊙	Mandatory crossing point or points
⊙ --- ⊙	Mandatory passage through out of bounds area
○---20 m--->△	Follow Taped Route to Map Exchange
○---80 m--->⊙	Follow Taped Route to Finish
○>---50 m--->⊙	Navigate to Finish Funnel, then follow tapes
⊙ 90 m ⊙	Navigate to Finish, no tapes

Land forms

⌒	Terrace
⌒	Spur
⌒	Re-entrant
⌒	Earth bank
⌒	Quarry
⌒	Earth wall
⌒	Erosion gully
⌒	Small erosion gully
⌒	Hill
⌒	Knoll
⌒	Saddle
⌒	Depression
⌒	Small depression
⌒	Pit
⌒	Broken ground
⌒	Ant hill, Termite mound

Rock and boulders

⌒	Cliff, Crag
⌒	Rock pillar
⌒	Cave
⌒	Boulder
⌒	Boulder field
⌒	Boulder cluster
⌒	Stony ground
⌒	Bare rock
⌒	Narrow passage
⌒	Trench

Water and marsh

⌒	Lake
⌒	Pond
⌒	Waterhole
⌒	River, Stream, Watercourse
⌒	Minor water channel, Ditch
⌒	Narrow marsh
⌒	Marsh
⌒	Firm ground in marsh
⌒	Well
⌒	Spring
⌒	Water tank, Water trough

Vegetation

⌒	Open land
⌒	Semi-open land
⌒	Forest corner
⌒	Clearing
⌒	Thicket
⌒	Linear thicket
⌒	Vegetation boundary
⌒	Copse
⌒	Prominent tree
⌒	Root stock, Tree stump



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Man-made features

⌒	Road
⌒	Track, Path
⌒	Ride
⌒	Bridge
⌒	Power line
⌒	Power line pylon
⌒	Tunnel
⌒	Wall
⌒	Fence
⌒	Crossing point
⌒	Building
⌒	Paved area
⌒	Ruin
⌒	Pipeline, Bobsleigh track
⌒	Tower, Pylon
⌒	Shooting platform
⌒	Boundary stone, Cairn
⌒	Fodder rack
⌒	Platform
⌒	Monument, Statue
⌒	Canopy
⌒	Stairway
⌒	Out of bounds area

Special features

⌒	Special item
⌒	Special item