

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS FOR ORIENTEERING

Conforms to IOF specifications (2004) with Australian usage

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Control description sheet format

Event Example										
M45, M50, W21										
5			7.6 km			210 m				
1	212									
○----- 120 m ----->○										
2	178									
○----- 400 m ----->○										

- Event title
- Classes (optional line)
- Course code, course length in km to nearest 0.1 km, climb in metres to nearest 5m.
- 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

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

- Northern¹
- South eastern¹
- 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

Rock and boulders

- Cliff, rock face
- Rock pillar
- Cave
- Boulder
- Boulder field
- Boulder cluster
- Rocky/stony ground
- Bare rock
- Narrow passage

Water and marsh

- Lake
- Pond
- Waterhole
- River, watercourse
- Minor watercourse
- Narrow marsh
- Marsh
- Firm ground in marsh
- Well
- Spring
- Water tank, water trough

Column D The control feature

Vegetation

- Open land
- Semi-open land
- Forest corner
- Clearing
- Thicket
- Linear thicket
- Vegetation boundary
- Copse
- Distinctive tree
- Tree stump, root stock

Man made features

- Road
- Track
- Fire break, ride
- Bridge
- Power line
- Power line pylon
- Tunnel
- Stone wall
- Fence
- Crossing point

Man made features (cont.)

- Building
- Paved area
- Ruin
- Pipeline
- Tower
- Shooting platform
- Boundary stone, cairn
- Fodder rack⁴
- Charcoal⁴ burning ground
- Monument or stone
- Building pass through
- Stairway
- Special item
- Special item

Column E Appearance

- Low²
- Shallow²
- Deep²
- Overgrown²
- Open²
- Rocky, stony²
- Marshy²
- Sandy²
- Needle leaved⁴
- Broad leaved⁴
- Ruined

Column F Dimensions/combinations⁵

- 2.5 Height or depth
 - 2.0 3.0 Heights of two features with control between
 - 8 x 4 Size (horizontal dimensions)
 - 0.5 3.0 Height of feature on slope
 - Crossing
 - Junction
- 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.
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| | | |
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- Road/track junction

Column G Location of control flag

- North east side¹
- South east edge¹
- West part¹
- East corner (inside)¹
- South corner (outside)¹
- South west tip¹
- Bend
- North west end¹
- Upper part
- Lower part
- Top
- Below
- Foot (no direction)
- North east foot¹
- 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	
		1.5	

Between boulder and knoll

Column H Other information³

- First aid post
- Refreshment point
- Radio or TV control
- Control check

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.

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