

IOF Control Descriptions

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
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- A Control number
 B Control code
 C Which of any similar feature
 D Control feature
 E Appearance
 F Dimensions/combinations
 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
○	Bend
○	South East End
○	Upper Part
○	Lower Part
○	Top
○	Beneath
○	Foot
○	North East Foot
○	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

H - Other Information

+	First aid post
☎	Refreshment point
⚡	Radio or TV control
⌒	Control check

○ ——— 100 m ———>	Follow Taped Route away from control
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○ ——— 70 m ———>⊗	Follow Taped Route between controls
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⊗ ——— ⊗	Mandatory crossing point or points
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⊗ ——— ⊗	Mandatory passage through out of bounds area
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○ ——— 50 m ———>△	Follow Taped Route to Map Exchange
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○ ——— 120 m ———>⊗	Follow Taped Route to Finish
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⊗ ——— 40 m ———>⊗	Navigate to Finish Funnel, then follow tapes
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⊗ ——— 220 m ———>⊗	Navigate to Finish, no tapes
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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

Rock and boulders

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

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
⌒	Distinctive tree
⌒	Tree stump, Root stock



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Man-made features

⌒	Road
⌒	Track/Path
⌒	Ride
⌒	Bridge
⌒	Power line
⌒	Power line pylon
⌒	Tunnel
⌒	Stone wall
⌒	Fence
⌒	Crossing point
⌒	Building
⌒	Paved area
⌒	Ruin
⌒	Pipeline
⌒	Tower
⌒	Shooting platform
⌒	Boundary stone, Cairn
⌒	Fodder rack
⌒	Platform
⌒	Monument or Statue
⌒	Building pass through
⌒	Stairway

Special features

⌒	Special item
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