

Appendix A: Control Descriptions

Text in bold below has mandatory status and shall be followed by relevant event officials. Other content refers to material provided for guidance and for information. This Appendix shall be read in conjunction with the British Orienteering Rules and shall have the same authority. They shall be considered as their extension.

1. General Information

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 The purpose of a control description is to give greater precision to the picture given by the map of the control feature and the location of the control flag in relation to this feature.

1.1.2 A good control is found primarily by map reading. Descriptions and codes can assist in this task, but should be kept as short and simple as is necessary to locate the control.

1.1.3 Pictorial or written control descriptions may be used, depending on the status of the event. Pictorial descriptions should normally be used for Level A and B Events.

1.2 Presentation of Control Descriptions

1.2.1 Control descriptions should be presented in accordance with the IOF Control Descriptions 2004. Further details can be found at:

<http://www.orienteering.org/index.php/iof2006/Rules-and-Guidelines/Mapping-Standards>

1.2.2 The only BOF addition is that the final box on the pictorial version or the final line on the written version should give details of the course closing time.

1.2.3 It is not generally recommended to use non-standard symbols. If non-standard symbols are used then information about them must be supplied to competitors in the pre-race details.

1.3 Issue of Control Descriptions (Rules 6.6.2 & 6.6.3)

1.3.1 In the interests of 'fluent' orienteering (in order to avoid unfolding and refolding the map) control descriptions separate from the map unit are of great use to competitors. They may then carry them as they wish.

1.3.2 For Level A events the control descriptions shall be printed on either the front or the back of the map, and also provided as a separate sheet (excluding Relays).

1.3.3 The Level B, C and D events the control description list may be printed on the map and/or provided as a separate sheet to each competitor.

1.3.4 The Organiser should state clearly in the final event details where and how control descriptions will be provided. This is particularly important if they are not printed on the map.