UKCCL1 Cards Practical at 2011 Coaching Conference

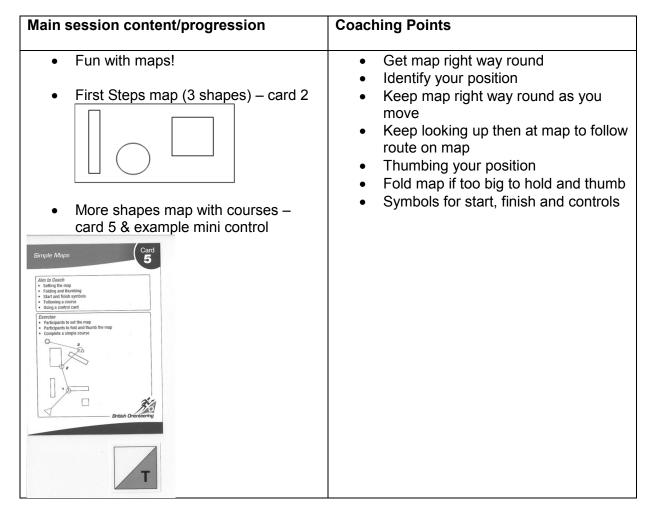
- 9 groups
- Each group given L1 card to work with, location and brief re group to be coached
- Plan & risk assess (45 mins on Saturday), set out equipment needed (30 mins Sunday)
- Groups experience 2 other activities (2 x 20 min sessions + 10 mins movement time), clear away (20 mins) and discuss activities, coaching points etc (30 mins)

Group A: Cards 2 & 5 - First Steps and Simple Maps

Location: in Ford Hall (shared with 2 other groups)

Group: Beginner school group age 8 – 10 years

Equipment used: Furniture (tables, chairs, benches) & cones; mini control kites



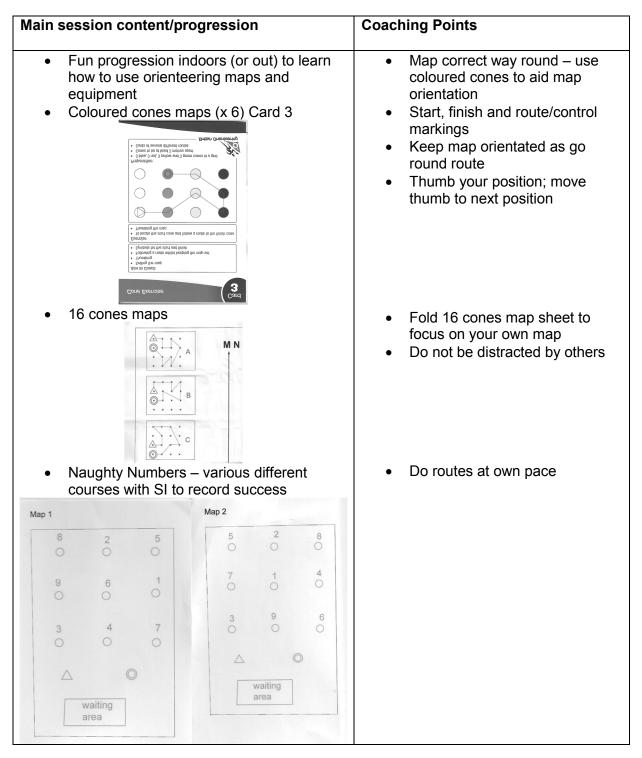
Group B: Card 3 – Cone Exercise

Location: in Ford Hall (shared with 2 other groups)

Group: W.I. adult novices – introduction to maps

Equipment used: cones – progression from 12 coloured in rows – 16 random colours –

Naughty Numbers (with SI if available)



Group C: Card 6 - Map Symbols

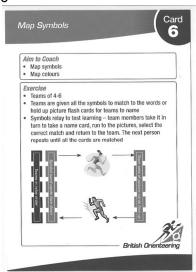
Location: in Ford Hall (shared with 2 other groups)

Group: older club juniors (16 years+); 2 years 'O' experience; doing TD3 courses with varying results; not had much coaching for past year; need coaching to reinforce basics.

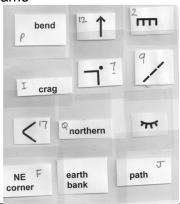
Equipment used: sets of map symbols / words per team; set of IOF pictorial description symbols / words

Main session content/progression

- Look at example 'O' maps colours of groups of symbols e.g. blue for water, brown for land shapes etc
- Map symbol running game in teams matching words with symbols – card



 Progression to pictorial control descriptions and meaning – match up game



Coaching Points

- Groupings of colours & symbols: blue
 = water features; brown = earth
 shapes; white-green = forest; orange
 = open land; black = man made and
 rock
- When looking at map symbols have a picture of the feature = visualisation – start to develop this

 Use visualisation with pictorial control descriptions as well as map symbols e.g. which? (if more than 1 in control circle), which side of? etc

Group D: Card 9 – star with multiple controls

Location: Lilleshall gardens – area with trees & bushes

Group: Age 10-11 years about to move to secondary school; use orienteering (and other sports) in 'adventure week' to help them get to know each other/bond/work together in small groups

Equipment used: maps pre-marked with 10 (could be more) 'star exercise' controls, training kites with letter / punches, control cards, extension maps/control cards, white board to record teams' controls found and timing

Main session content/progression

- Emphasis on FUN team working
- Choose teams no more than 2s or 3s
- Show map, explain how to hold & orientate using features eg path
- Map walk whole group to example control



- Set off teams to different controls 1 then 2
- Set team task to find remaining controls between them – can split up but must only visit 1 control at a time and bring back letter/punch shape – record these and time taken on white board
- Harder progression: park 'sprint' race using many of the controls



Coaching Points

- Get map right way round / orientate map
- Use big features to help orientate map eg nearby path/bush etc
- Keep map orientated when move to sample control
- Learn a few important colours/symbols – enough to find way to star exercise controls
- Know what the control looks like and what you have to do to prove your visit eg remember letter on control or punch control card
- Remember to orientate map before setting off
- What is in the centre of the circle where you will find the control?
- Team planning important so 2 people don't go to the same control
- Set off in right direction before running off
- Know what you will be looking for (what is in centre of control circle?)

Group E: Card 11 – Line Exercise

Location: Lilleshall grounds – buildings and gardens

Group: 1st year University students – keen & fit but new to orienteering

Equipment used: maps with lines (x 3) drawn on; 20 x small 1 pint milk bottle controls placed on ground on features on the map lines, master map for coach showing position of controls on each line.

Main session content/progression

- Explain map orientation with short map walk near start
- People can set off on one of the lines going either way round
- Must keep to the red line on map and remember when they find a control on the line – tell coach where controls were found when back at start



- Do a 2nd line a bit faster
- 3rd line depending on confidence this could be timed / head to head / may have dummy controls just off line for harder progression

Coaching Points

- Line up map with features
- Learn some of map colours / symbols
- When moving with map keep it orientated and 'thumb' position as go round the line
- Identify features on route
- Remember when controls are found

 Maintain balance between increasing speed and map contact

Group F: Card 15 – Cardinal Cones

Location: Lilleshall Gardens – flat, grassy area

Group: Group of adult novices – parents of children in club who want to learn about basic

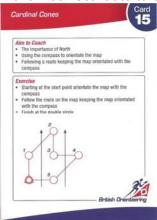
compass skills

Equipment used: 12 cones, variety of compasses, laminated direction cards (single route)

and simple courses (cardinal cones courses)

Main session content/progression

- Use single route cards to introduce using compass to find out which way to go
- Using cardinal cones course maps use compass to keep map orientated and follow correct route to each cone



- Repeat with a new course map to gain confidence
- Progression use compass to set Lilleshall grounds map and find some controls / cones away from start point



Coaching Points

- Importance of north north end of compass needle to match north arrow on map
- Keep map and compass in front of waist
- Keep compass flat so that needle can settle

 Orientate map by placing edge of compass along route to be followed and turning whole body until north arrow in compass lines up with north lines on map – now facing correct direction of travel

Group G: Card 16 - Aiming Off

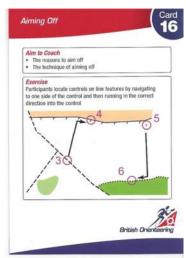
Location: Lilleshall Gardens

Group: Adult learners – follow on from learning how to set map with compass

Equipment used: 6 training controls, compasses, maps of easy and harder loops

Main session content/progression

What is 'aiming off' introduction / when use this technique



Easy loop of 3 controls – aim off quite a way to one side. Which side of the control? Which way to turn?



Harder loop of 3 controls



Coaching Points

- Use compass to cut across to line feature then turn L or R towards control
- Hold compass correctly: flat, in relation to body, turn body not map/compass, look up to sight something on way
- Aim to one side of control because going straight can end up to one side of control and not know which way to
- At first aim off further from control
- After some practising aim off closer to control as gain accuracy

Group H: Card 12 - Score Event

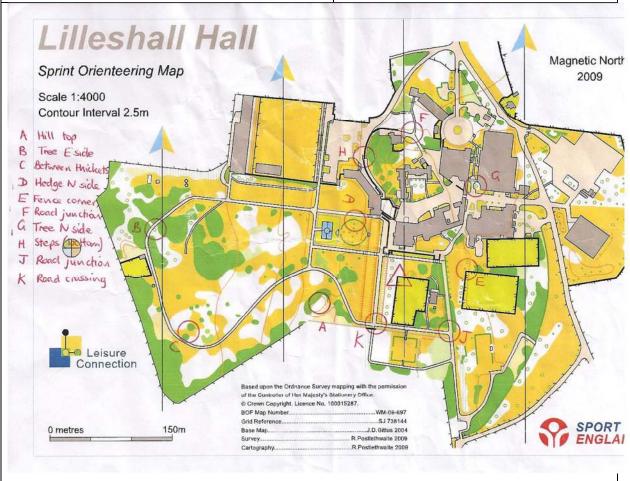
Location: Lilleshall Gardens

Group: from local running club – fit and competitive but only done a very little orienteering

Equipment used: 1 map per person with controls marked, 10 training controls + punches

(pin punches or SI if available), control cards or SI cards

Main session content/progression	Coaching Points
 Map walk/jog to get people started: start K – J and back to start 'score' (any order) challenge: In 5 mins how many of ABCD Then slightly harder: EFGH Finish with all controls 	 Relate map to ground – basic colours/symbols needed Keep map orientated and thumb position Large scale – tick off features to avoid over shooting 'score' in any order – plan route before setting off Try to focus on navigation and not overshooting



Group I: Card 18 – Attack Points

Location: Lilleshall grounds

Group: First year University students - keen & fit and have had some basic coaching

sessions.

Equipment used: Maps marked with 1 control and its attack point (star exercise), 7 controls,

cones placed at attack points for 3 controls

Main session content/progression **Coaching Points** What is an attack point Obvious feature, easily found close to control Attack Points Work out attack point for control then route to attack point Aim to Coach Speed variation: fast to attack The use of attack points The selecting of an attack point point then slow down to navigate to control to locate a contro As a group – look at control 41, select attack point and go as group 'Star' exercise – first going to controls with the attack points marked on map and on Brief before setting off and ground with a cone (x 3) debrief after returning on choice Remaining 3 controls: athlete chooses of attack point, route, speed attack point (not marked on map or change ground) - explain to coach before setting off Map examples with attack points marked: Magnetic North Magnetic North 2009 2009

Map examples with no attack points selected: