

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	Column D	Column E	Column G																						
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern¹ South eastern¹ Upper Lower Middle 	<p>Rock and boulders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cliff, rock face Rock pillar Cave Boulder Boulder field Boulder cluster Rocky/stony ground Bare rock Narrow passage <p>Water and marsh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Pond Waterhole River, watercourse Minor water course Narrow marsh Marsh Firm ground in marsh Well Spring Water tank, water trough 	<p>Vegetation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open land Semi-open land Forest corner Clearing Thicket Linear thicket Vegetation boundary Copse Distinctive tree Tree stump, root stock <p>Man made features (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>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.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>E</td> <td>F</td> <td>G</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2.0 1.5</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	D	E	F	G			2.0 1.5															
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<p>Landforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>Man made features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Track Fire break, ride Bridge Power line Power line pylon Tunnel Stone wall Fence Crossing point 	<p>Column F</p> <p>Dimensions/combinations⁵</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2.5</td> <td>Height or depth</td> <td>2.0</td> <td>Heights of two features with control between</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 x 4</td> <td>Size (horizontal dimensions)</td> <td>3.0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.5/3.0</td> <td>Height of feature on slope</td> <td></td> <td>Crossing</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Junction</td> </tr> </table> <p>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.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>E</td> <td>F</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	2.5	Height or depth	2.0	Heights of two features with control between	8 x 4	Size (horizontal dimensions)	3.0		0.5/3.0	Height of feature on slope		Crossing				Junction	D	E	F				<p>Column H</p> <p>Other information³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First aid post Refreshment point Radio or TV control Control check
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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