

CONTROL SHEET SYMBOLS EXPLAINED

The control sheet gives you more detailed information about the exact placing of the control, within the control circle shown on the map. Control sheets have a set format and the descriptions follow a short-hand style unique to orienteering. (Descriptions for less technical grades are printed in english.)

Controls mark the points on a course that must be visited, normally in a set sequence. You record proof of visiting a control by clipping a clipcard or, more recently, by electronic punching.

To help you find each control you carry a map with the course marked on it, the controls are shown by circles, a clipcard or 'ecard', and a control sheet. (The control sheet is sometimes printed on the map.)

The standard IOF Control sheet symbols are shown on the next page.

Note:

- The control sheet symbols are **not** the same as the symbols used on the map.

The definition of all IOF Control sheet symbols is available from the IOF website, (follow the link on the club website.)

International Specification for Control Descriptions

Description of individual controls

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 (in meters)
G	Location of the control marker
H	Other information

C Which of any similar feature

- Northern
- South Eastern
- Upper
- Lower
- Middle

D The Control Feature

- 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 (termite mound)
- Cliff, Rock face
- Rock Pillar
- Cave

- Boulder
- Boulder field
- Boulder cluster
- Stony ground
- Bare rock
- Narrow passage
- Lake
- Pond
- Waterhole
- River, Stream, Watercourse
- Minor water channel, Ditch
- Narrow marsh
- Marsh
- Firm ground in marsh
- Well
- Spring
- Water tank, Water trough
- Open land
- Semi-open land
- Forest corner
- Clearing
- Thicket
- Linear thicket
- Vegetation boundary
- Copse
- Distinctive tree
- Tree stump

- Road
- Track / Path
- Ride
- Bridge
- Power line
- Power line pylon
- Tunnel
- Stone wall
- Fence
- Crossing point
- Paved area
- Building
- Ruin
- Pipeline
- Tower
- Shooting platform
- Boundary stone, Cairn
- Fodder rack
- Charcoal burning ground
- Monument or Statue
- Building pass through
- Stairway
- Special item.
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If Special Item is used, an explanation of its meaning must be supplied to competitors in the pre-race information.

E Appearance

- Low
- Shallow
- Deep
- Overgrown
- Open
- Rocky, Stony
- Marshy
- Sandy
- Needle leaved
- Broad leaved
- Ruined

F Dimensions / Combinations

- Crossing
- Junction

G Location of the control marker

- North east Side
- South east Edge
- West Part
- East Corner (inside)
- South Corner (outside)
- South west Tip
- Bend
- North west End
- Upper Part

- Lower Part
 - Top
 - Beneath
 - Foot
 - North east Foot
 - Between
- ### H Other information
- First aid post
 - Refreshment point
 - Radio or TV control
 - Control check