

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
1	123	↓	⊖	⊙	15 x 5	⊙	⊙

- 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
U	Deep
⊘	Overgrown
⊙	Open
▲	Rocky, Stony
≡	Marshy
⊙	Sandy
⊙	Needle leaved
⊙	Broad leaved
⊙	Ruined

G - Location of Flag

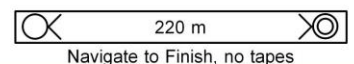
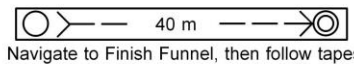
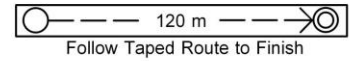
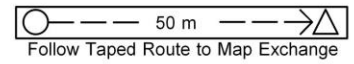
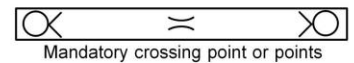
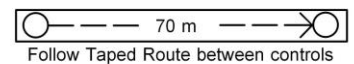
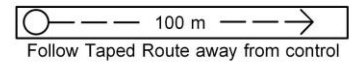
○	West Side
○	South East Edge
○	East Part
⊖	South West Corner (inside)
⊕	North Corner (outside)
⊙	North West Tip
<	Bend
↘	South East End
	Upper Part
	Lower Part
⊖	Top
⊕	Beneath
⊖	Foot
⊙	North East Foot
⊙	Between

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



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

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
○	Special item

