

LEI Guide for E-punch Event Controllers

This Guide covers only those tasks and arrangements that are needed for events using the SportIdent systems and that differ from the traditional event. These should be read in conjunction with the standard guidelines for controllers.

Deployment and Checking Controls

Discuss with the planner the arrangements for putting out and collecting the controls. If practical, the controller may help put the stakes out on the day before. This is less likely for badge events where the controller may live some distance away.

Checking sites

The controller must visit each site on the morning of the event to ensure that each box is working (bleeps when dipped). Each e-card holds only 36 records. You will therefore need two for most events. Depending on the time available you could help put out some of the boxes in the process.

Organisation

Confirm the arrangements that the organiser has made including clearing e-cards, start and finish and the information provided for competitors particularly novice e-punchers.

Check the programming log to see that controls have been properly processed and the battery levels are OK.

Confirm the arrangements that the e-coordinator has made particularly contingency plans if equipment fails. Each EMOA stake has a pin punch attached as back up.

Troubleshooting

You may need to adjudicate if there appears to be a problem with specific controls or courses. The software is capable of providing data to help sort out most problems. For example, it is possible to void legs if there is a problem with the position of a control site. You should consult the e-coordinator in such circumstances.

You should confirm with the SI-coordinator that all competitors are accounted for.

You may need to arrange for boxes to be collected immediately at the end of an event so that the data they have stored can be analysed. The boxes store the SI-numbers and times for each time visit.

After the event

Your suggestions for additions tips or amendments to these notes particularly to the troubleshooting section will be most welcome to help future controllers. Please send comments to the webmaster (there is an email link on the home page).