

## LEIOC Summer League Event 9 – Precision Orienteering (Pre-O) Markfield – Thursday 11th June

This is an urban orienteering event with 4 Pre ‘0’ controls within the Long and Medium Course for you to try.

### What is Pre”O”?

Pre”O” (Precision Orienteering) is a discipline of orienteering that emphasizes map reading, terrain interpretation, and decision-making rather than speed. As a competitor you will follow a marked route along a path and stop at a series of control stations. At each of these control stations you must determine which—if any—of several visible Kites has been placed in the exact location shown on the map and described by the control descriptions. You will start the course as a normal orienteering event, when you reach and dib the control before the Pre”O” section your time will stop and you will be “Timed Out” for the whole of the Pre”O and your time will start again when you leave the PreO section.

The task is to:

A) Travel along and stay on the PreO path. You must not leave the path (the path will be shown inside two red lines on your map) It is Out of Bounds to leave the path.

B) When you reach each PreO control station, you will find that each location



will be marked by a red arrow.

C) At each red arrow look across the terrain in the direction of the arrow. You will see a number of kites. Your control description will tell you how many kites you have to consider. If it’s two kites the Control Description will read A-B, if it’s three it will read A-C etc.

You should mentally list each of the kites A, B, C etc. by reading them from the lefthand side.



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<b>Flip over to PreO Map</b> <b>Controls 5-8 are PreO Stations</b> <b>Do not leave the path.</b> <b>This section is timed out.</b>							
5	A						
6	A-B						
7	A-B						
8	A-C						
<b>Flip over to Course Map</b> <b>Your "timed out" has ended.</b>							
9	34						

You study the map and control description at each control station, look at the Kites and decide which, if any, of the Kites corresponds exactly to the mapped control location and decide if it's Kite A or B etc. It's possible NONE of the Kites are in the exact place shown on the map so at the control boxes select the box marked "Z".

Dib the appropriate control box.



THE PRE"O" CONTROL BOXES ARE NOT CONTACTLESS. YOU MUST DIB THEM MANUALLY. **YOU MUST ONLY DIB ONCE. TO DIB TWICE OR DIB MORE THAN ONE BOX AT ANY ONE STATION WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**

D) You then move on to the next control station.

When you get to the next control station, which will again be marked by a red arrow, repeat the Pre"O" exercise.

E) When you dib the last of the 4 Pre"O" control stations box your time will begin ticking again, and you complete the course in the normal orienteering way.

## SCORING

If you decide on the wrong Kite and select and dib the wrong control box nothing happens. BUT if you select correctly, you will get a bonus of 1 minute being deducted from your overall time for each Pre"O" control correctly identified and the correct box dibbed. Success in Pre"O" depends on precision, concentration, and accurate interpretation of map detail, not on moving quickly.

HAVE FUN.