

# IOF Control Descriptions 2024

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/bend
- G Location of control flag
- H Other information

## C - Which Feature

↑	Northern
— —	Upper
— —	Lower
— —	Middle

## D - Control Feature

See below.

## E - Appearance

⌒	Low
⌒	Shallow
⌒	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
⊙	South East End
⊙	Upper Part
⊙	Lower Part
⊙	Top
⊙	Foot
⊙	North East Foot
⊙	Beneath
⊙	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
⊡	Bend

## H - Other Information

+	First aid post
🗑️	Refreshment point
🚶	Manned control
--- 200 m --->⊡	Distance to Start Triangle from point of timed start
⊙ --- 70 m --->	Follow Taped Route away from control
⊙ --- 90 m --->⊙	Follow Taped Route between controls
⊙ ⊗ ⊙	Mandatory crossing point or points
⊙ ⊗ ⊙	Mandatory passage through out of bounds area
⊙ --- 20 m --->⊡	Follow Taped Route to Map Exchange
⊡	Map flip (turn the map over)
⊙ --- 80 m --->⊙	Follow Taped Route to Finish
⊙ > --- 50 m --->⊙	Navigate to Finish Funnel, then follow tapes
⊙ 90 m ⊙	Navigate to Finish, no tapes

## 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, Termite mound

## Rock and boulders

⌒	Cliff, Crag
⌒	Rock pillar
⌒	Cave
⌒	Boulder
⌒	Boulder field
⌒	Boulder cluster
⌒	Stony ground
⌒	Bare rock
⌒	Narrow passage
⌒	Trench

## 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
⌒	Prominent tree
⌒	Root stock, Tree stump

## Special features

⊗	Special item
⊙	Special item

## Man-made features

⌒	Road
⌒	Track, Path
⌒	Ride
⌒	Bridge
⌒	Power line
⌒	Power line pylon
⌒	Tunnel
⌒	Wall
⌒	Fence
⌒	Crossing point
⌒	Building
⌒	Paved area
⌒	Ruin
⌒	Pipeline, Bobsleigh track
⌒	Tower, Pylon
⌒	Shooting platform
⌒	Boundary stone, Cairn
⌒	Fodder rack
⌒	Platform
⌒	Monument, Statue
⌒	Canopy
⌒	Stairway
⌒	Out of bounds area
⌒	Railway

