

# Controller Duties

If the event is on private land ensure the landowner has been notified and is happy about it. Make sure there is enough parking for the event. If parking on private land ensure the land owner has been notified. If the weather is wet, be prepared to use road and make sure there is enough width for other traffic to pass (one side only). Ensure the administration area has enough room for 3-4 tents/caravan and toilets. Ensure the finish area has competitors finishing in a line to last punch / finish flag. The finish flag should be away from or on the edge of the administration area.

The start should have enough room to place maps, descriptions and a toilet if some distance away from administration area. If in a highly visible area, tape to the start triangle out of sight.

Look at the courses on paper some time before the event (4-5 weeks or more) making sure finish times are achievable (could test run a couple). Look for

- dog legs
- too many courses on one control,
- avoid different courses doing legs in reverse (this has been complained about in the past).
- control descriptions being correct

Advise setter of any changes to be made.

Ensure the technicality of the courses and control sites fit their colour code. White course controls should be placed in the direction they are turning. Controls should be at 40-50m apart at the closest and on different features. Make sure no similar codes are near each other i.e. 136 +139

Refer to Google Earth for GR point of administration. This reference is to be held at the administration area for Health and Safety issues

Ensure that the control boxes have been charged before pick up.

The setter places the controls, the controller checks on their accuracy and fairness. All controls must be checked by the controller. Do not rely on the setter to place simple controls (even the white courses) without checking them!!

Ensure that controls are visible except when on one side of a feature. In that case the feature should be clearly visible. Ensure control site matches the description.

There need to be two each of the Clear and Check controls before the start grid, and a start control (triangle) after map pick up.

**Main point.** The controller is the competitors' advocate. He/she is to ensure the map used is the latest edition available so as to ensure accuracy for the setter to use and so the courses are fair and accurate for the orienteer. The success of the event lies with the controller.

For an AO event there will be 5 Red, 2 orange, 1 yellow, 1 white courses

Refer to NZOF Website

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