

Dear all,

The Final Draft version of the new version of the IOF Control Descriptions has now been published. Thanks to all who have submitted responses about the previous drafts.

Our intention is to put the finished version to IOF Council at their meeting on 13-14 October 2017. Providing they are approved, they will then be published immediately and **will come into effect on 1st January 2018**.

Since the previously published proposals, the main change is that we have included the Australian proposal to make the control descriptions for:

- A boulder **a filled-in circle** (which was previously used for a dot knoll)
- A boulder cluster **a black triangle** (which was previously used for a boulder)
- A dot knoll **a filled-in semi-circle with the straight part at the bottom** (a new description)

IOF Council has requested that these changes be included in this draft. The rationale is that these changes make the boulder and boulder cluster exactly correspond to their ISOM symbols which is helpful to beginners in our sport. Of course, the disadvantage is that the dot knoll no longer corresponds to the shape of its ISOM symbol.

If these changes go ahead, it will be very important for Federations to ensure that their planners, controllers and competitors are aware of them. We want to avoid any confusion.

We invite comments on this latest draft from both individuals and Federations. Of course, if Federations are able to provide a unified response, then we will weight such submissions more highly than those received from individuals. Comments in favour of, or against the boulder/boulder cluster/dot knoll change are particularly invited. Please do send in your comments again, even if you have previously expressed a view on this issue.

Please note that we are aware that there is still the IOF Branding to apply, and some minor formatting improvements to be made, before the final version is published.

Comments should be sent to iof@orienteering.org by 15th August 2017 at the latest.

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