

# Policy for missing or misplaced controls

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# IOA Rule R8.5

- 'A competitor who loses a control card or electronic key, or hands in an incomplete control card, shall be classed as retired unless the Controller (Organiser) is satisfied that the course has been completed correctly.'

# IOF Rules

- Rule 20.3 – Competitors shall be responsible for punching their own card at each control using the punching device provided.
- Rule 20.4 – The control card must clearly show that all controls have been visited.
- Rule 20.5 – A competitor with a control punch missing or unidentifiable shall not be placed unless it can be established with certainty that the punch missing or unidentifiable is not the competitors fault.
- Rule 20.7 Competitors who lose their control card, omit a control or visit controls in the wrong order shall be disqualified.

# BOF Rules

- Rule 11.1 – Competitors must make sure that they clearly show that all the required controls have been visited.
- Rule 11.2 – A competitor with a missing or unidentifiable punch will be disqualified unless it can be established with certainty that the missing or unidentifiable punch is not the competitor's fault.

## Response to a general issue affecting one or more courses

- A decision for the Organiser to:-
  - - void the course
  - - to take out the split times for the legs before and after the affected control
  - - to start from a different control point
  - - to leave the results as they stand

# Response to a complaint from one or more competitors

- A decision for the Jury
  - void the course
  - to take out the split times for the legs before and after the affected control
  - to start from a different control point
  - to leave the results as they stand

# Principle

- BOF Appendix A : Event Systems 6.4.1
- ‘for a course to be voided it is necessary for the race to have been significantly affected.’
- 8.10.2- ‘removing splits should not be taken without serious consideration to its fairness. It should not be seen as a means of converting an unfair race into a fair race. An alternative to voiding is to let the results stand, and this is the recommended approach if any problem with a course is not believed to have significantly affected the outcome of the race

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- 8.11.3 – ‘If a top competitor’s position in the race is lower in the unadjusted results than in the adjusted results list then the race could be considered to have been seriously affected.’
- 8.11.5 ‘If a serious problem is identified but is not considered to have significantly affected the outcome of the race, then the results should be published without adjustment, other than to re-instate any competitor who failed to punch at a control that was missing or misplaced when they reached it.’



# Principle

- 8.11.6 – ‘The decision whether or not to adjust the results is still not one that should be taken lightly.’
- 8.11.7 – ‘It is important that decisions made by the Organiser (or Jury) are clearly explained in the published results.’