

# Missing Competitor Procedure

A competitor may be considered missing if it is identified that they have been out on a course for much longer than expected for their age, fitness and ability. The alert may be made by someone who is at the event with the missing person, in the case of a junior by a parent or guardian or by the timing team if start boxes are being scrutinised at intervals during the event.



1. Check they are actually missing by:
  - Scrutinise entry details get dibber number and car registration number from the registration or online entry form.
  - Check car park for their vehicle.
  - Find other family members or friends at the event to check if they have seen them.
  - Try phoning their contact number (it has been known for competitors to leave without downloading).
  - Ask other orienteers if the person has been seen.
  - Interrogate start box to check competitor did start.
  - The club do not have radio controls, controls can only be scrutinised to check which controls a competitor has visited when they are returned to the download tent.
2. Urgency
  - Consider the age and competence of the missing person and any underlying health condition they have stated on their entry form.
  - How long they have been out for.
  - Weather conditions and time of sunset that day.
  - How close to the end of the event is if search party members are needed.
3. Record details of the competitor on the attached sheet
4. Setting up a search party
  - Organiser, controller and planner consult to establish routes/areas to be checked, usually the organiser will take on the role of coordinator and remain at the download tent.
  - If courses have closed use the control collectors as part of the search team ensuring they carry their mobile phone with them.
  - Recruit other competent orienteers for the search party.
  - Check that each member of the search party is clear which area is allocated to them, as well as someone going backwards on the course.
  - Record mobile phone numbers of the search party, discuss communication and signal coverage.
  - Ensure each person on the search party has the phone number of the organiser or person coordinating the search and agree how frequent contact should be made.
5. Scrutinise the controls from the course when they are returned to find out which controls they have visited
6. Other aspects
  - Ensure a First Aider is available until the search has been called off.
7. Next steps if unable to find competitor
  - Phone the police who can contact the appropriate rescue service

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To be completed by and updated by search coordinator



Competitors name:

Age:                      Medical conditions known:

Orienteering competency: beginner/moderate/experienced

Control site last checked using electronic punching:

time recorded on system:

Time search started:

Base co-ordinator:

## Search Team

	Name	Mobile phone number	Search area	Time checked in with coordinator
1.				1. 2. 3.
2.				1. 2. 3.
3.				1. 2. 3.
4.				1. 2. 3.
5.				1. 2. 3.
6.				1. 2. 3.
7.				1. 2. 3.
8.				1. 2. 3.