

GET YOUR BEARING

DESCRIPTION: This event combines physical exercise, mental aptitude and the ability to use a standard compass (**no electronic devices**) to locate control markers placed in unfamiliar terrain. Whenever possible, this event should be held in a woodlot.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: UP TO 2

APPROXIMATE TIME: 60 minutes

THE COMPETITION:

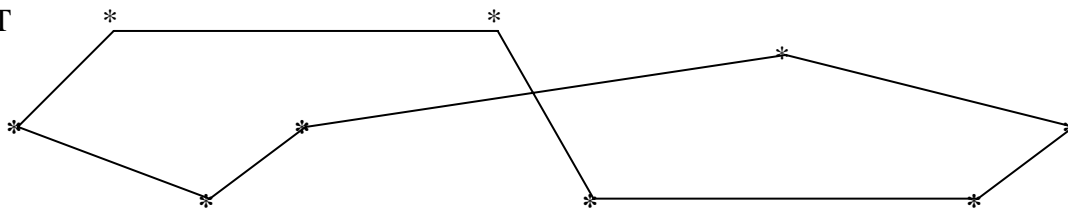
1. **IN AN OPEN AREA:** If this event cannot be held in a woodlot, it may be necessary to hold it in an open area. In this case one large but multi-directional course may be used. Control markers may be of different type but highly visible in size and color. Dummy control markers are recommended for single courses where students can observe previous contestants' direction. If many courses are used, dummy markers may not be needed.

2. **IN A WOODLOT:** Depending on the size of the tournament or if contestants path can be observed, several separate or overlapping courses should be designed which allows all participants to run a course within the allotted time frame. These courses must be approximately the same total length and have the exact same number of control markers. However, the control markers should have a separate code pattern for each course (i.e., Course A: Letters of the Alphabet. Course B: Numerals). Total course length should be approximately **600-1300 meters**. There should be at least **nine (9)** but not more than **twenty (20)** control markers. Types of control markers (flags, stakes, coffee cans, etc.) will be determined according to site selection but should be of a highly visible color. No dummy control markers are needed if two or more overlapping courses are used.

3. Participants will be given a list of azimuth readings and distances (preferably, in meters, but teams should be prepared for both feet and meters). They must locate each control marker by directional means as well as pace the correct distance to a control marker. Once located, the code on the control marker must be written in the space provided. Participants must provide their own compass and pencil. Eye protection is recommended for woodlot courses. Notes and calculators of any type are permitted.

4. Students, coaches and supervisors are reminded to avoid metal objects on their person and when laying-out a course. Course designers are also reminded to have someone other than the person that laid-out the course double-check the courses' azimuths and distances.

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SCORING: Since accuracy is of utmost importance, participants will be judged on the greatest number of markers correctly identified. Students correctly identifying all control markers will then be judged on time spent on the course. The fastest time wins. Note: Declination will not be a factor since maps are not used.