

Timed Control Procedure

- Timed controls are used as a tie-breaker in Trail-O.
- There are no “Z” choices for this portion of the course.
- Competitors are to stay in the waiting area near the model controls until called to the viewing station.
- The competitor will give the Official their Sportident punch card and sit in the seat provided while the Official blocks the view of the controls.
- The Official will give the competitor the “punch” card (a laminated paper with the letters A B C D E and F) which will sit on the competitor’s lap.
- The Official will then give the competitor the laminated maps which are bound together and covered by a sheet of paper indicating magnetic north. These will be given to the competitor so the maps are correctly oriented to the terrain. (Note: An example of a laminated map with a clue sheet will be available at the start to allow each competitor to familiarize themselves with the procedure.)
- The Official will step aside to allow the competitor to see the controls.
- The Official will point to all of the controls, punch the start punch unit and start the stopwatch.
- The competitor will flip over the cover page to view the first map.
- When the competitor determines their choice of control, they will point to the corresponding letter on the “punch” card and the Official will punch that control. We suggest that the answer not be spoken aloud, because this may inadvertently give away the answer to other competitors.
- Competitors will be given a warning at 50 seconds. If no decision is made in 60 seconds an incorrect answer will be recorded.
- The competitor will then flip over the first map to view the second map. Competitors cannot return to the first map once the second map has been viewed.
- Punching for the second map occurs in the same fashion as the first map.
- If an incorrect decision is made, a penalty of 60 seconds is added to the recorded time; if both decisions are incorrect, a 120 second penalty will be added. If no decisions have been made in 120 seconds, both answers will be considered incorrect and a 120 second penalty will be added.
- Competitors will then exit the area, pick up the map for the remainder of the course and proceed to the first standard station.

➤ **GOOD LUCK!!!**