

Re Poole town night league 21 February 2022

It's good to see everyone checks each others Track route on map run 6 hopefully to improve there own performances to see where they can gain time in the map reading.

We have checked everyone's tracks from last night and found 3 controls which have caused confusion

Control 23 where the flag was placed on the wrong bench, if you were running from control 22 phones tended to ping before you reached the flag and you assumed you were at the correct place and ran on without searching for the flag

If you were running on the coast path and onwards to 22 the phones pinged after you had seen the flag.

We have added this control for some competitors.

Control 19 some competitors crossed a uncrossable fence on a direct route from 18, on old maps of the area there was a route through but on this map it is clearly a fence and area not to be crossed so this control has been deducted if you took this route.

Control 27 The flag was in the park, but the control description was **North Eastern Fence North east edge**, which is incorrect as it would make with the control circle the control in an area with forbidden access So if you had run down the dead end path to the north east of the park you would have been correct to the control description but no flag.

As we know some flags and controls in urban areas go missing, one of the hazards of our sport, so if you think you are in the correct place it is best to keep running. Some competitors tried the path and then ran into the park costing them extra time as control had already pinged but were doing the right thing looking for the flag. One competitor had the control ping on the lane to the south east of the control this was clearly in the wrong place and the Russians possibly affected the satellite signal in that instance. We have therefore decided if you went in the park or down the dead end lane to allow the control.

Some tracking also shows competitors running in or over houses or shops and also tacking a refreshing dip in the sea

This is normally a very slow route and not allowed or recommended.

With the additions or subtractions on the scores on the night transferred to league scores we don't believe it has changed any positions in the league table.

We didn't note anybody using the hire scooters that were scattered around the area.

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