



**LOST COMPETITOR PLAN for the ORIENTEERING EVENT on:.....**

**PRE – EVENT**

Consider Search Sectors & access

Record local police phone number (manned on a Sunday)? 101

**ACTION IN THE EVENT OF A COMPETITOR NOT BEING ACCOUNTED FOR:**

**1. VERIFY WHETHER THE COMPETITOR IS ‘STILL OUT’ OR NOT.**

**NOTE:** The verification can be undertaken at the same time as the Preliminary Search, during which the controls will be brought in.

Did the individual fail to download?

Is the individual’s car in the car park?

Can the individual be telephoned at home?

Did anyone see the individual finish? etc

**2. CARRY OUT A PRELIMINARY SEARCH.**

The Preliminary Search will be done by ‘Controls Collecting Team’. Before they leave, they will receive a briefing from the organiser, which will include the following information about the missing person:

Name(s), Age, Start time, Course.

While the controls are being collected in the following actions should be taken.

1) For courses up to Short Green two people should go round the course(s) of the missing competitor(s) in opposite directions.

2) For all other courses, a person should be sent from the Finish to go in reverse round the course until the competitor is found. This can be supplemented by another person accessing the course from another “attack point” and working back to the Finish.

All searchers will be asked to carry a mobile phone/2-way radio, a list of contact numbers and spare clothing that can be given to the competitor if they are found. They should also carry a whistle. Any additional information and any timings arrangements should be clarified between all searchers.

If, when the Preliminary Search is complete, the missing person is still not found, and the verification has not established that the competitor has gone home, the local police should be informed. Also, dependant on the circumstances of the missing person & weather conditions, it may be advisable to ask the police to inform the ambulance service at this time.

**3. CARRY OUT A MAIN SEARCH.**

**General:** The organiser, aided by the controller and/or the planner if available, will decide which areas are to be searched. Interrogated control stations retrieved from the forest may offer information affecting the decision. The manpower for this task would be the Preliminary Search Party, and any other competent & physically capable orienteers.

**Control** will be maintained initially from the download tent by the Organiser until the civil authorities arrive. Recording the areas that have been searched and by whom is important.

**1<sup>st</sup> Aid:** The Event’s First Aid will be required to remain on-call in the assembly area, and is to be prepared to move into the event area to treat a recovered casualty, or to go into the forest to assist a found casualty.

**Signature of Event Organiser:** ..... **Date:** .....