

Controller's Comments

Firstly let me start with a sincere apology to those competitors on the Blue and Green courses affected by the mistake with the loose description sheets. As controller, I should have spotted the error. The reason was that the loose description sheets had been generated from an earlier version of the course file, from before a few last changes. The descriptions on the map were correct and I assumed that the loose descriptions were consistent. The effect on the Blue course was probably more than on the Green as the missing control description on the Blue course was for a pit between two other pits.

A number of competitors suggested that the affected leg should be removed from the results. Looking at the splits on Splitsbrowser it is clear that some competitors were unaffected, some took extra time on the leg to control 12 and some on the leg after it. The BOF rules, whether you agree with them or not, are very clear that the only options are to let the results stand as they are or to void the whole course. I'm not sure that voiding the course would achieve anything.

The individual splits are available on the website, so it is possible to make that adjustment yourself, if you feel that strongly about it.

The event itself was put on in a very short timescale. We had the opportunity to use a new area and produced the map using both professional and amateur survey in just over a month. This shortened timescale probably did not assist the quality of the event. Those of us involved in putting on the event are bitterly disappointed that it did not achieve the high standard that we, and you, expect.

Our thanks go to the Nettlebed Estate and the Sue Ryder Care Home for allowing us to use the area.

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