



# Documentation Tracking layer Championships





# Goals

Same education for all tracking layer

Unification of the procedures of laying tracks

Equal conditions for all competitor while tracking



# Requirements from the IGP-PO



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Tracks may use all natural soils such as e.g. Grass, ploughed dirt and forest floor. In all trial levels adaptation of the tracks to the available tracking-grounds are possible.



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## IGP 3 level

- Foreign track           Length min. 600 paces

- Legs:     5

- Corners: 4

- Distance between corners: Min. 50 paces

- Article: 3 Foreign article

                        valence 3x7 Points

- Positioning of articles 1. earliest after 100 paces on first or second leg. / 2. upon instruction of the LR. / 3. At the end

- Measurements of the articles in cm L: 10 W: 2-3 H: 0,5-1

- Waiting time:           60 Min

- Time to work out:     20 Min

# From the PO

## IGP 3 level

-The tracking layer waits briefly on the scent pad.....

➤At the trial we wait about a minute while staying calm and without pacing out or scuffing the scent pad

-The first article will be laid after a minimum of 100 paces on the first or second leg, but not closer than 20 paces before or after the first corner!

-The second article will be laid on instruction of the judge on the second or third leg, not within 20 m

- The third article will be laid at the end of the track

# Footwear

Permitted:  
Trekking shoes  
Hiking shoes  
or Rubber boots  
with a coarse tread sole



# Orientation in the tracking area

## Principle!!!!!!

In order to achieve a uniform length of the tracks, the steps must be counted for each track and noted on the track sketch !!!!

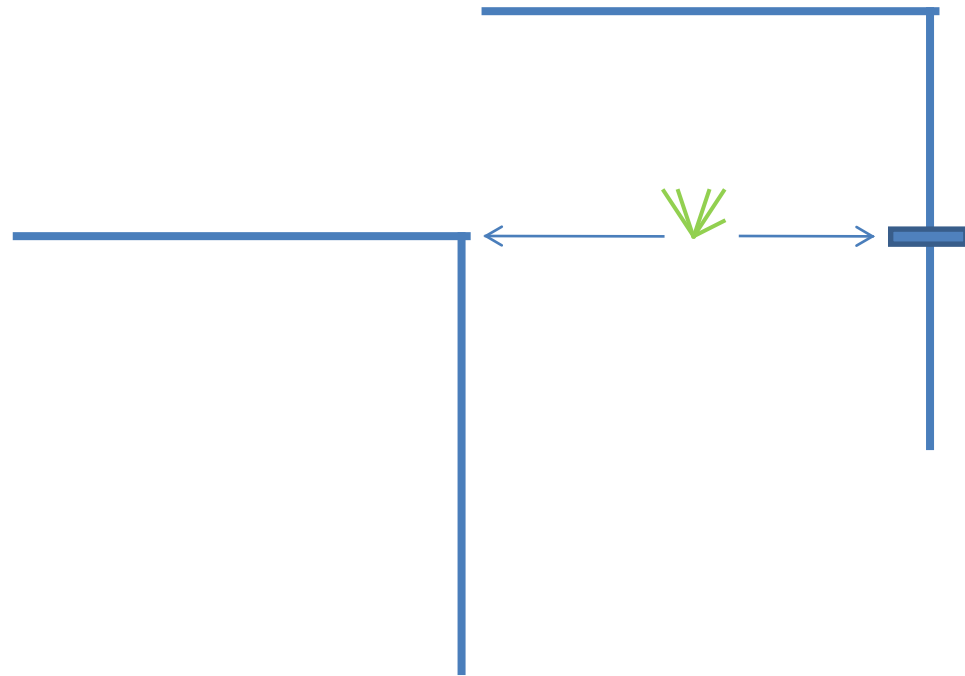




# Orientation in the tracking area

Distinctive marks close to the track

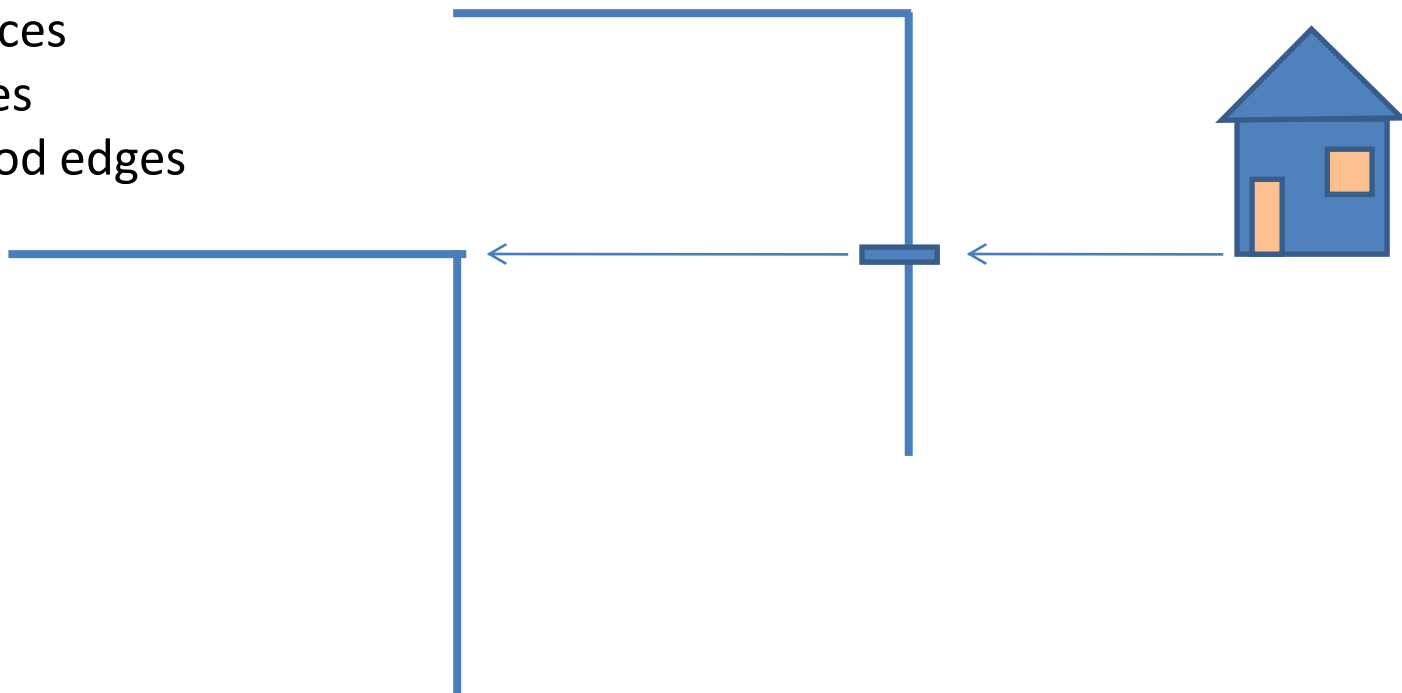
- Visible growth
- Digges
- Different terrains
- Spots without growth
- Terrain changes
- Posts etc.



# Orientation in the tracking area

Distinctives within the surroundings

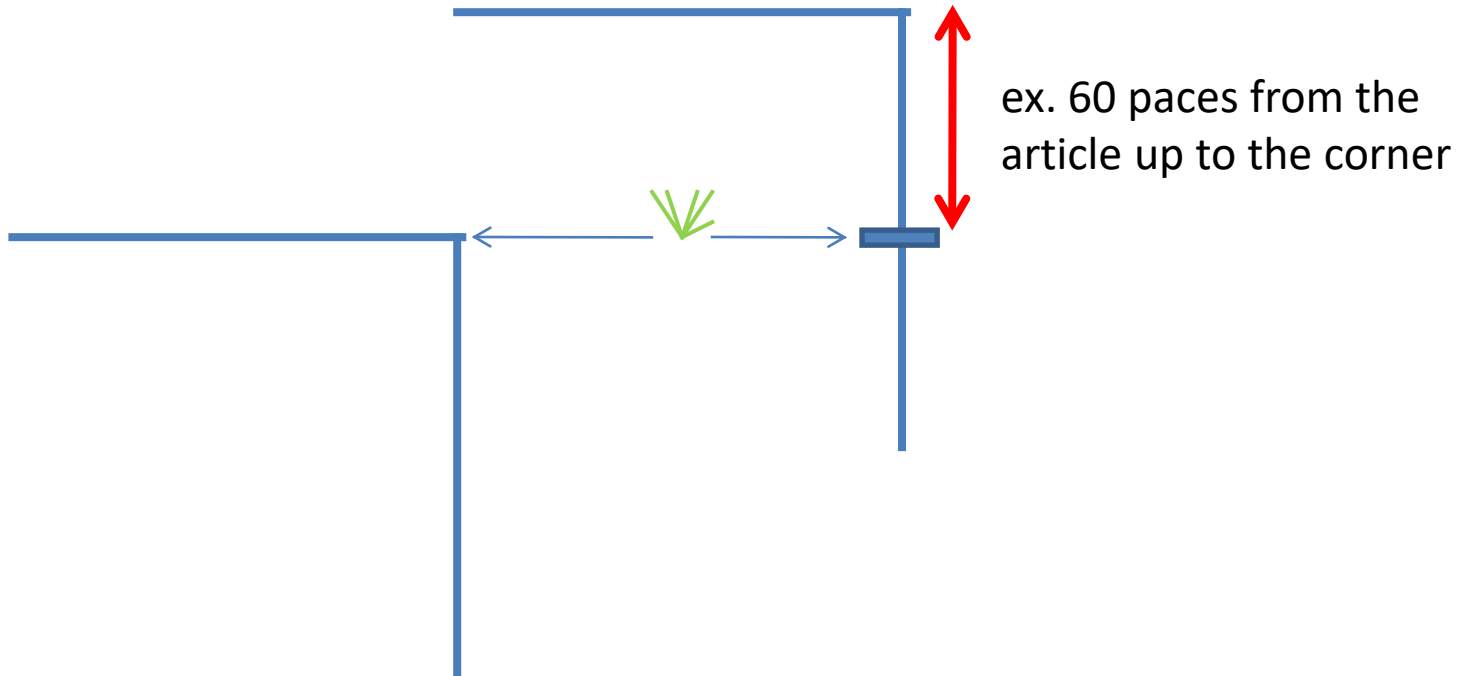
- End of fields
- Buildings
- Paths
- Fences
- Trees
- Wood edges



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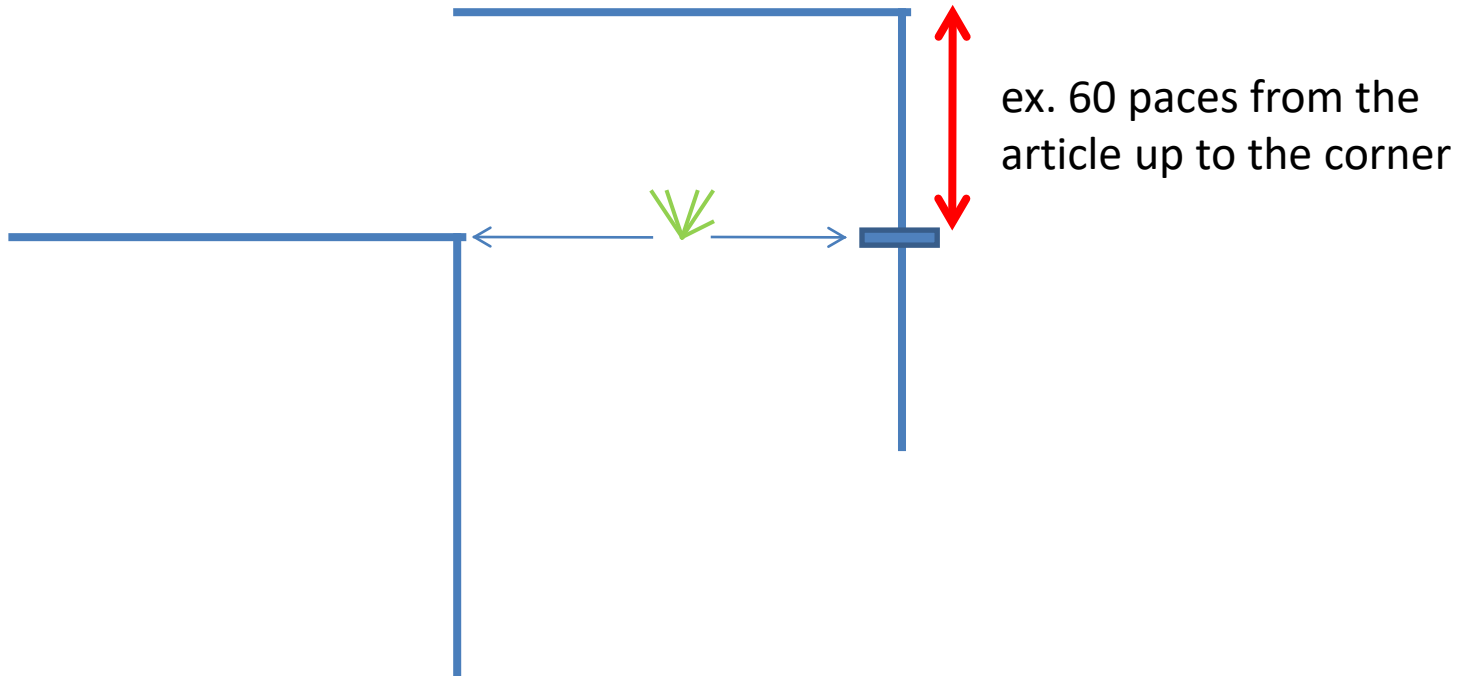
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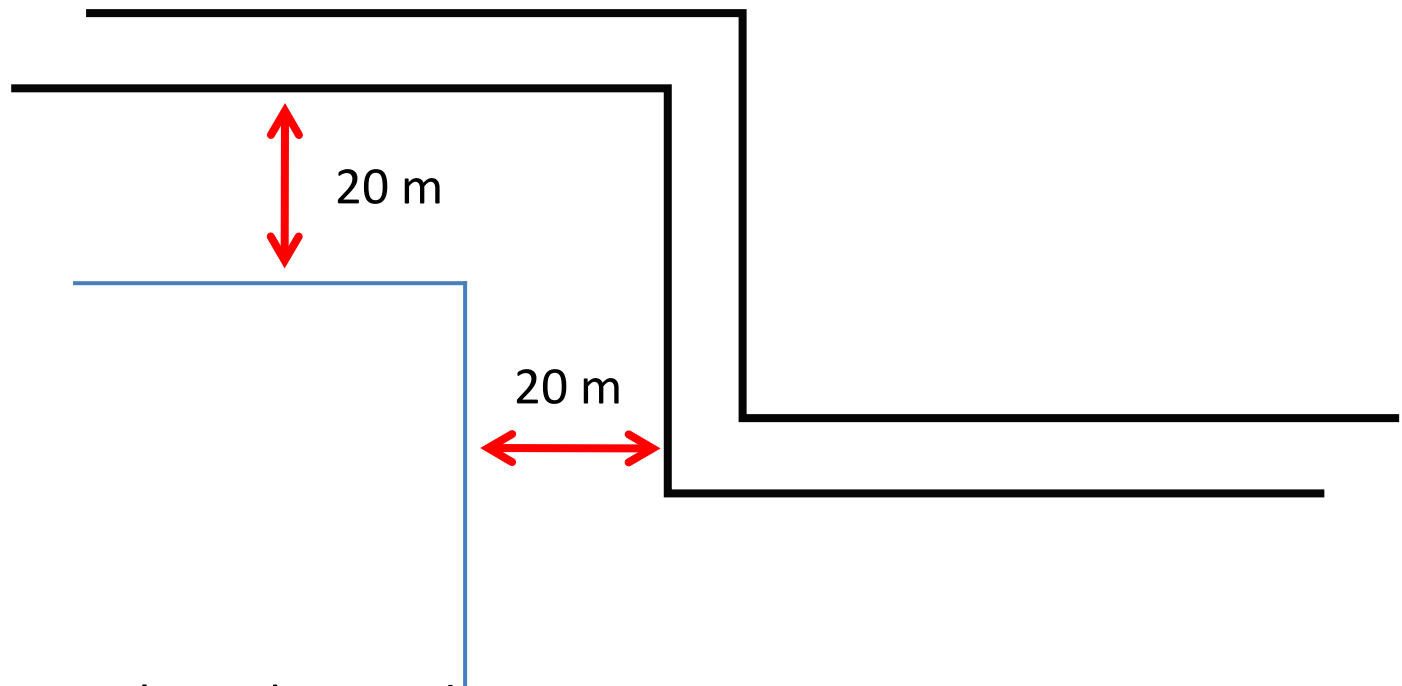
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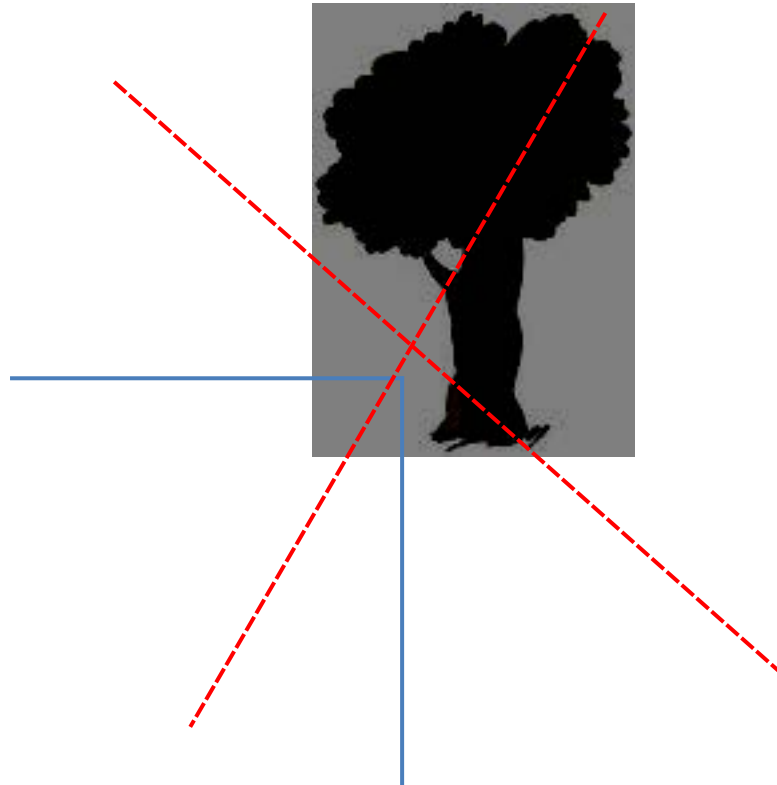
# Streets and paths



Keep a distance to paths and streets!

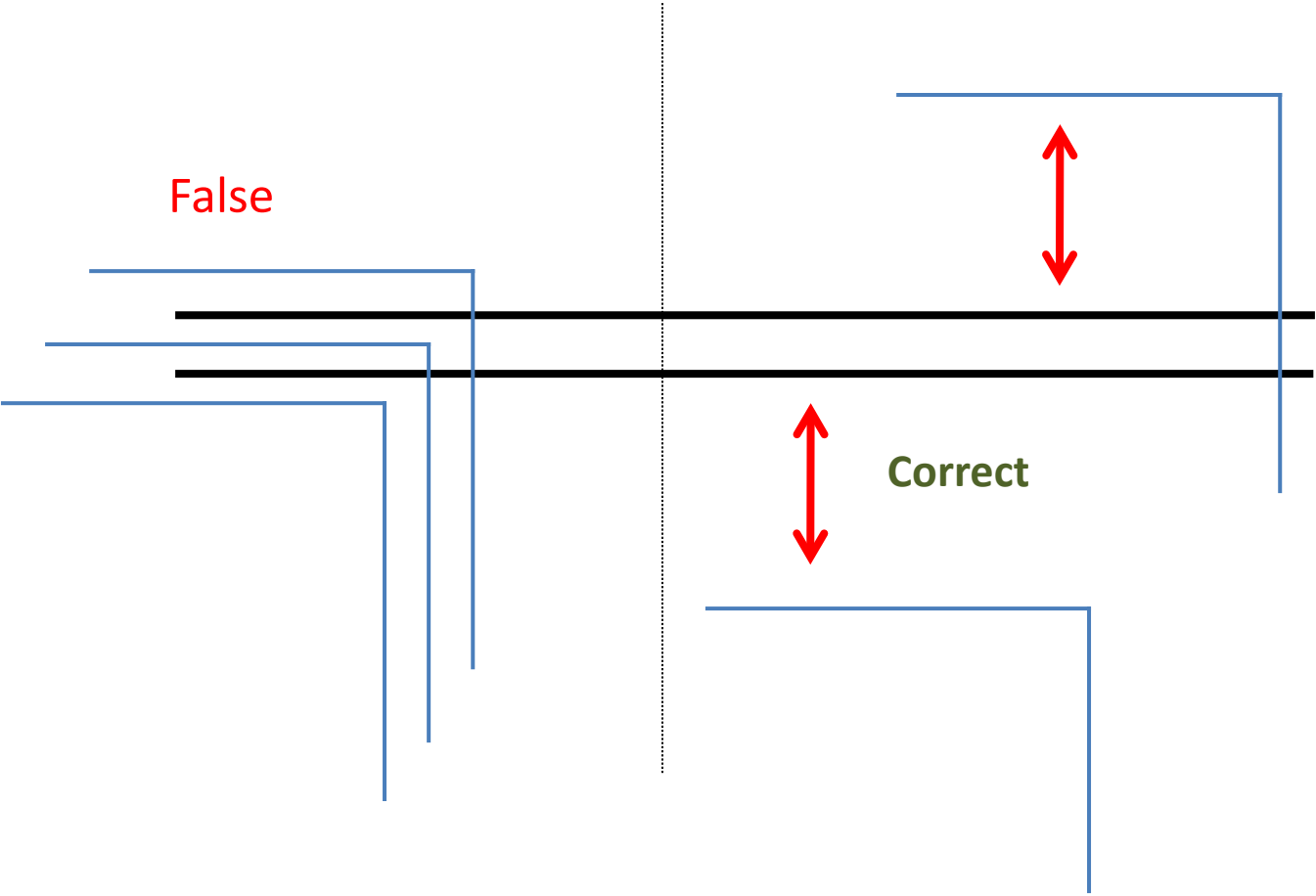
At least two leash lengths to streets, paths and charged electric fences.

# Trees



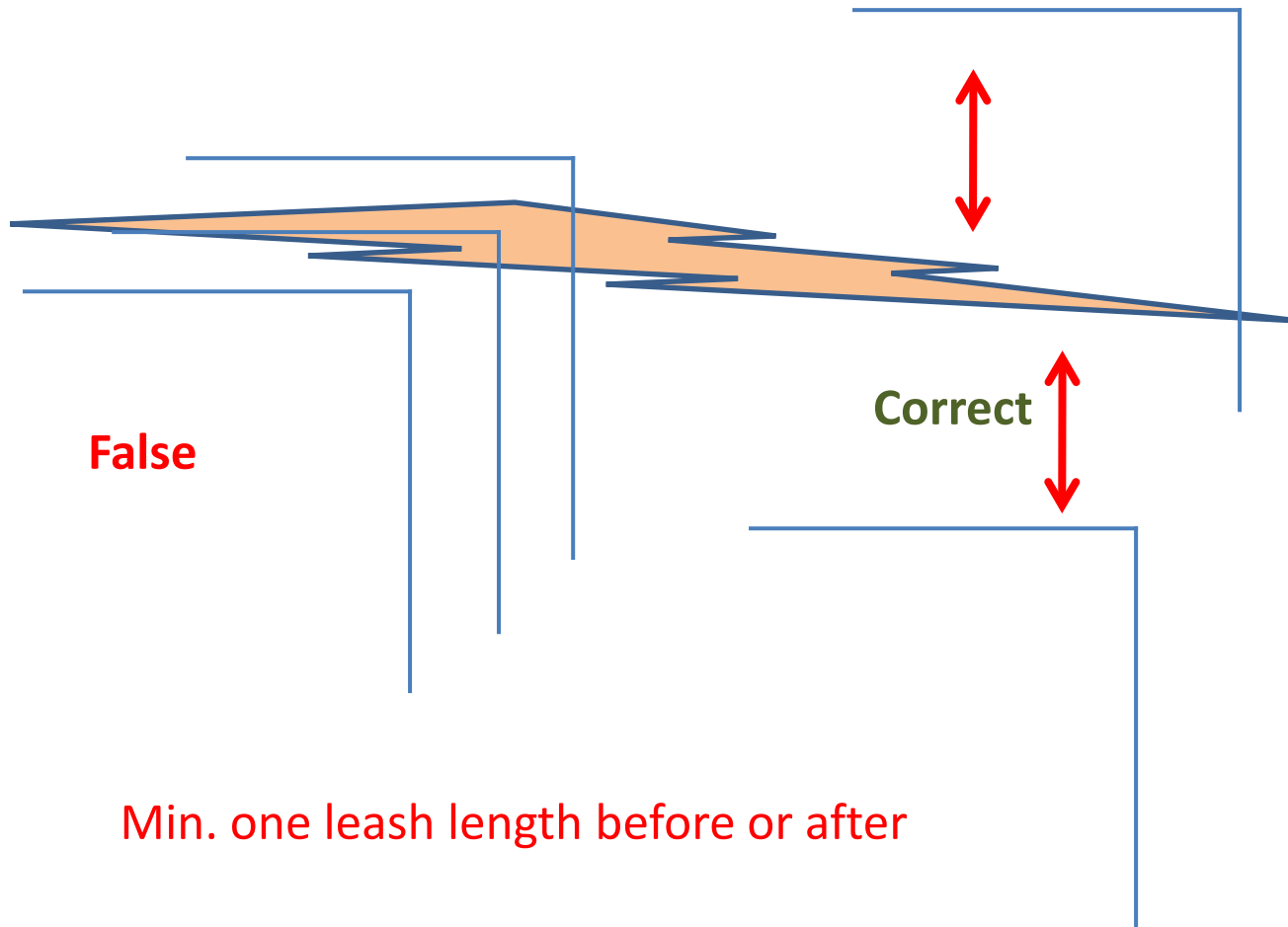
Whenever possible avoid angles under trees, at least one leash length before or after

# Tractor tracks and tire marks



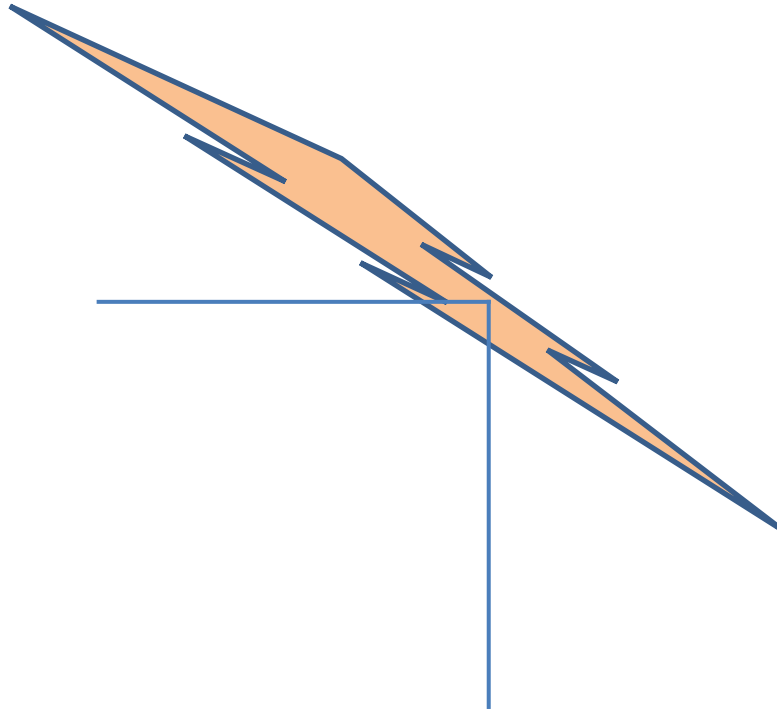
Min. one leash length before or after

# Disruptions/ fault zones



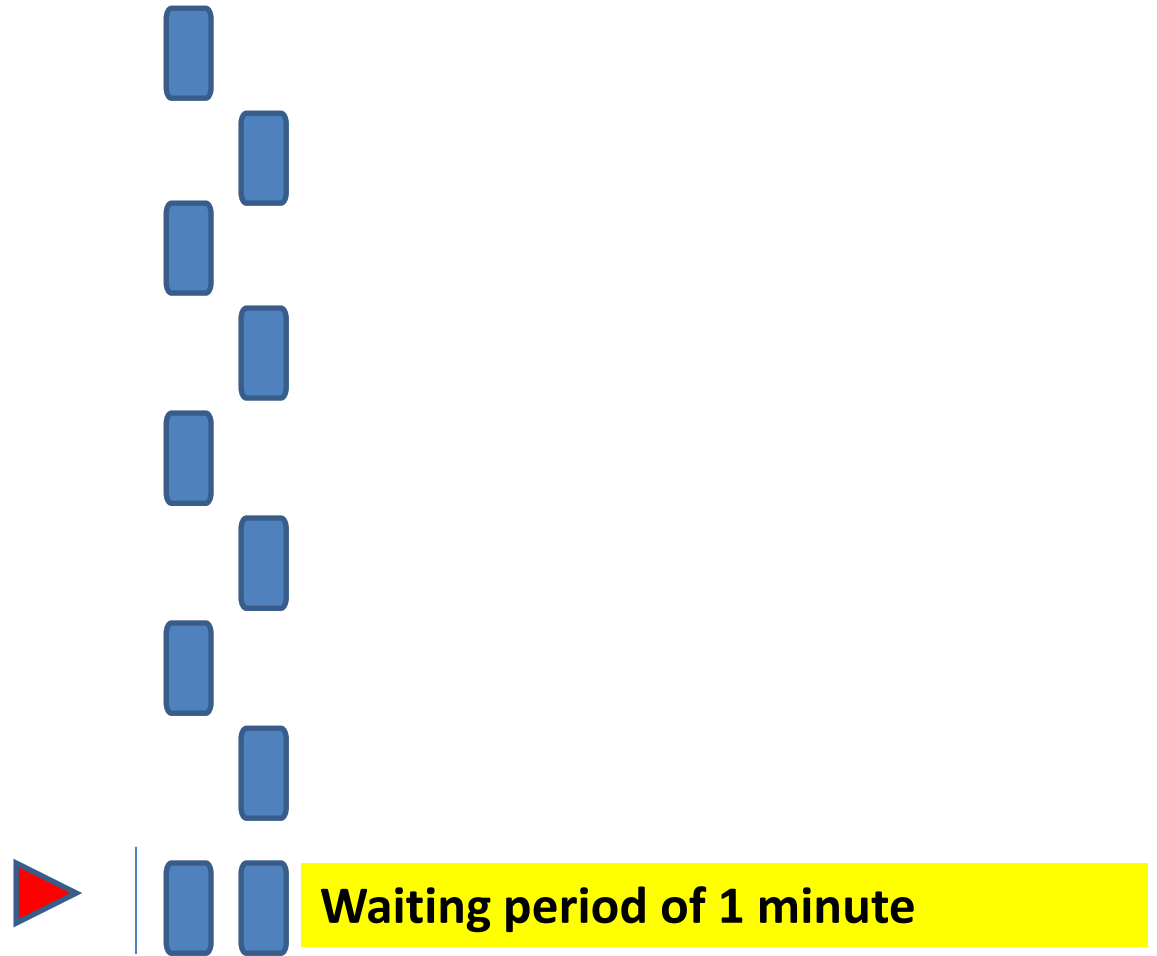


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If a fault zone cannot be avoided, it should be “markedly” passed, noted on the sketch and reported to the judge.

# Leaving the scent pad



# Step size

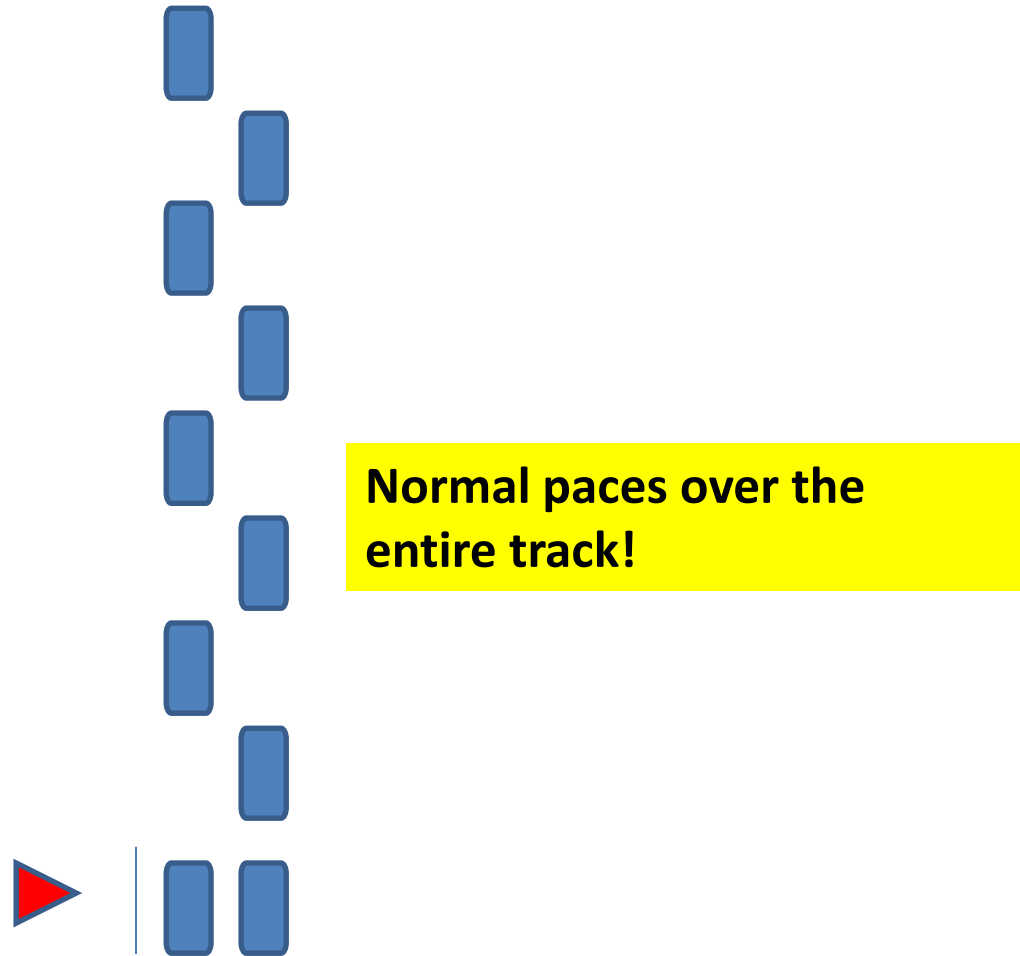
In order not to stretch the tracks too tight in tight spaces, we create paces of 50 - 60 cm

On a meter stick or tape  
measure adjust  
= 4 steps on 2 meters  
= 20 steps to 10 meter

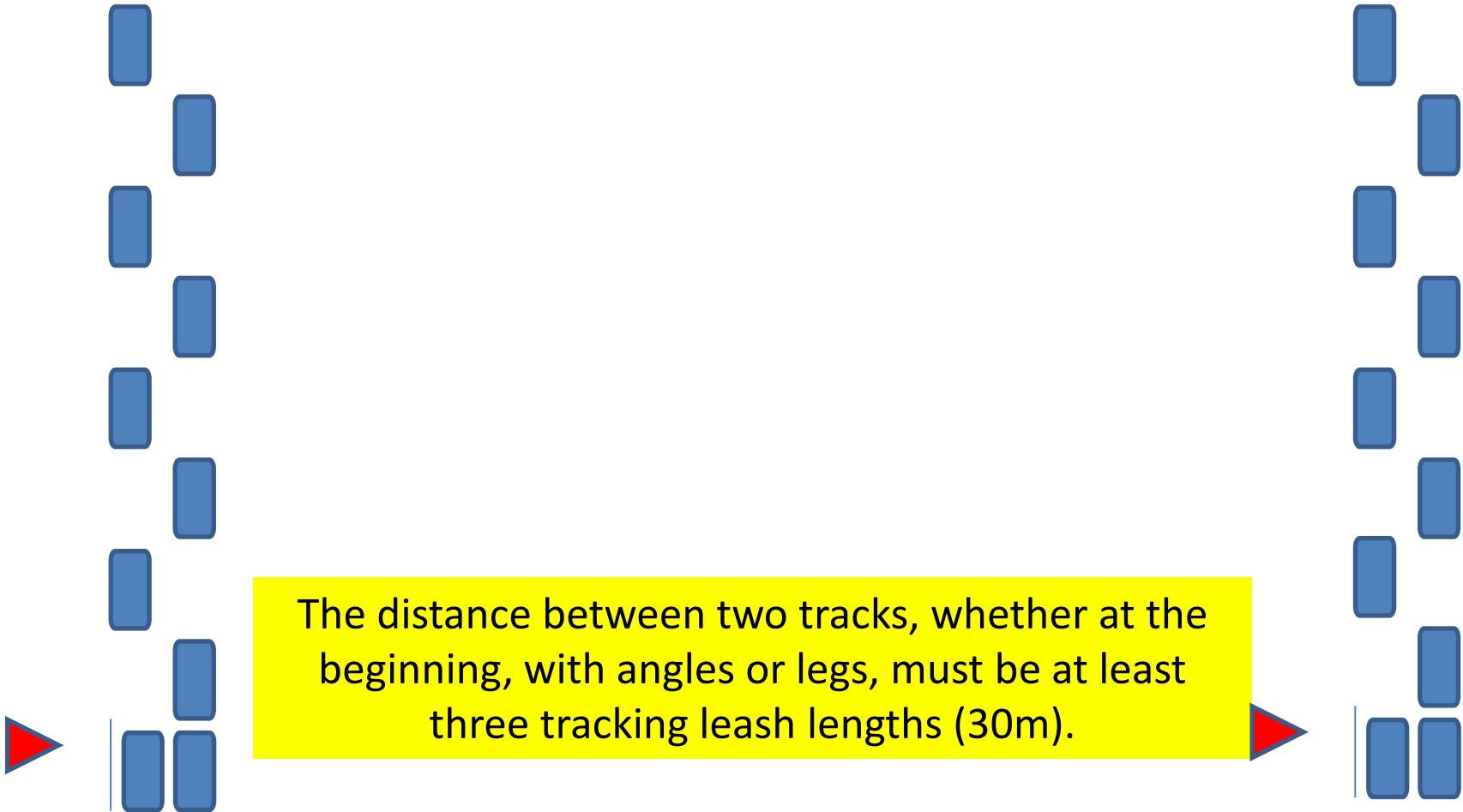
With this we walk in relatively short steps, so make sure you create in the normal pace, do not pound the steps in or scuff !!!



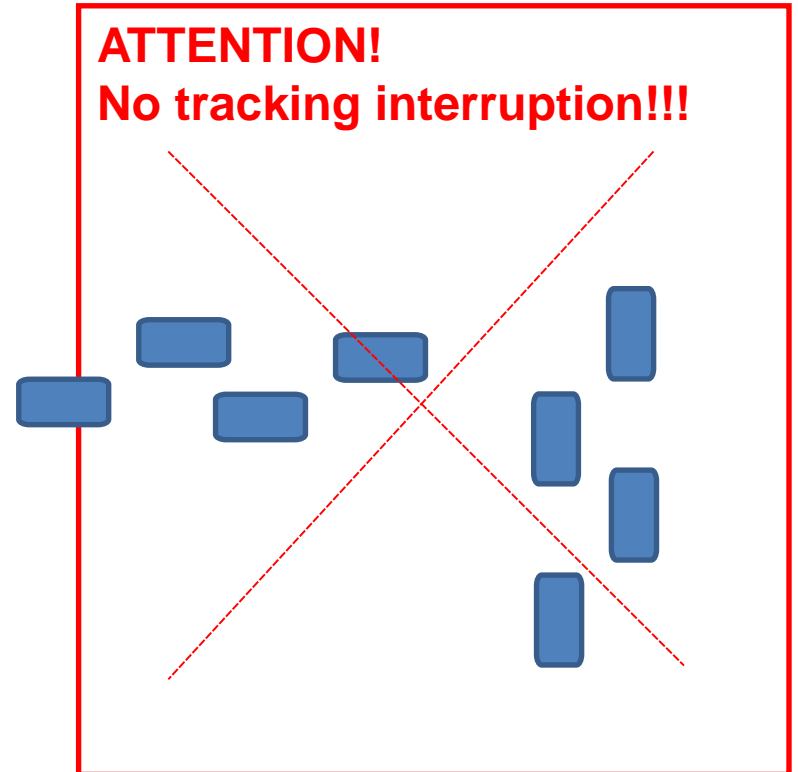
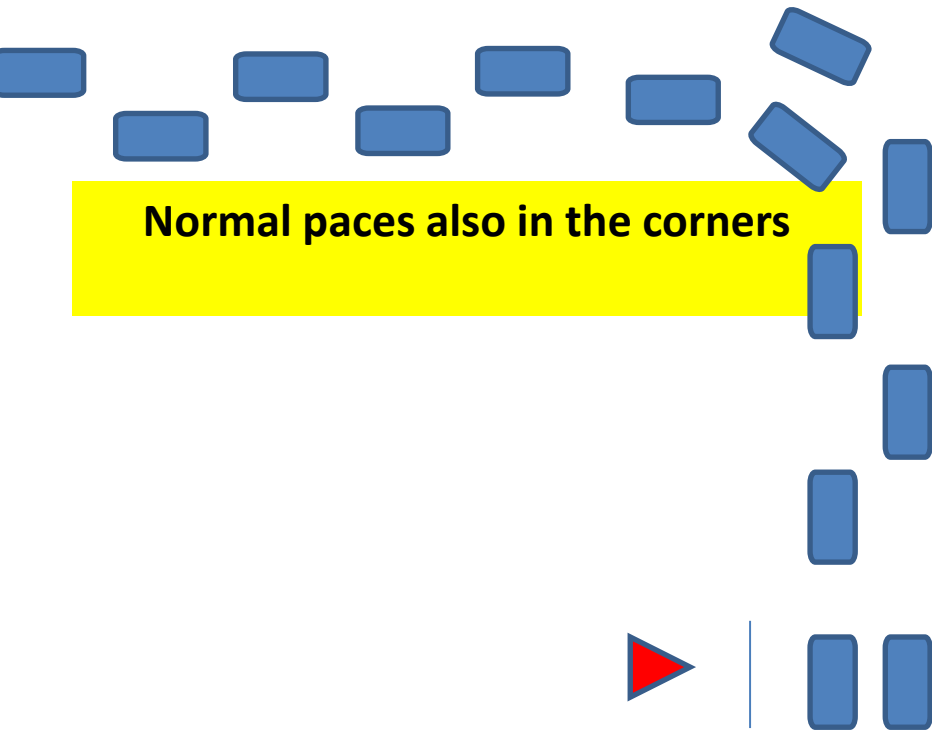
# Tracking



# Distance between the tracks



# Corner



# Depositing of the articles



Depositing of the articles:

- The articles are laid across
- The articles are laid down not dropped
- To make it the same for everyone, the articles are placed in a double step.



*No articles:*

- in ditches, deepenings and deviating structures*
- in the area of visible wild animal tracks*



*Terrain change and corners:  
After changing terrain and corners, at least 30  
paces to the next article*

# Depositing of the articles

When leaving and before putting down, the first article must be shown clearly visible for inspection to the tracking supervisor!

After depositing the 1st article and before moving on ; the 2nd article is held up to show the track supervisor and held up again before being put down, to show clearly visible for the track supervisor!

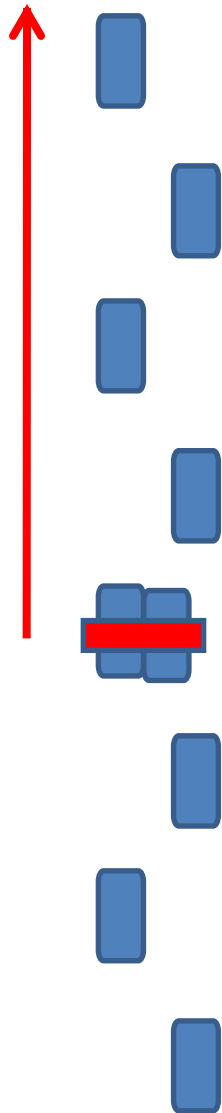
Same procedure for the 3<sup>rd</sup> article



**If articles are overrun by the dog, they must be picked up by the track layer and held up clearly and shown to the judge and possible spectators !!!!!!!!!!!**



# The end of the track



After the last article, go straight for at least 15 paces before changing directions

# Note!

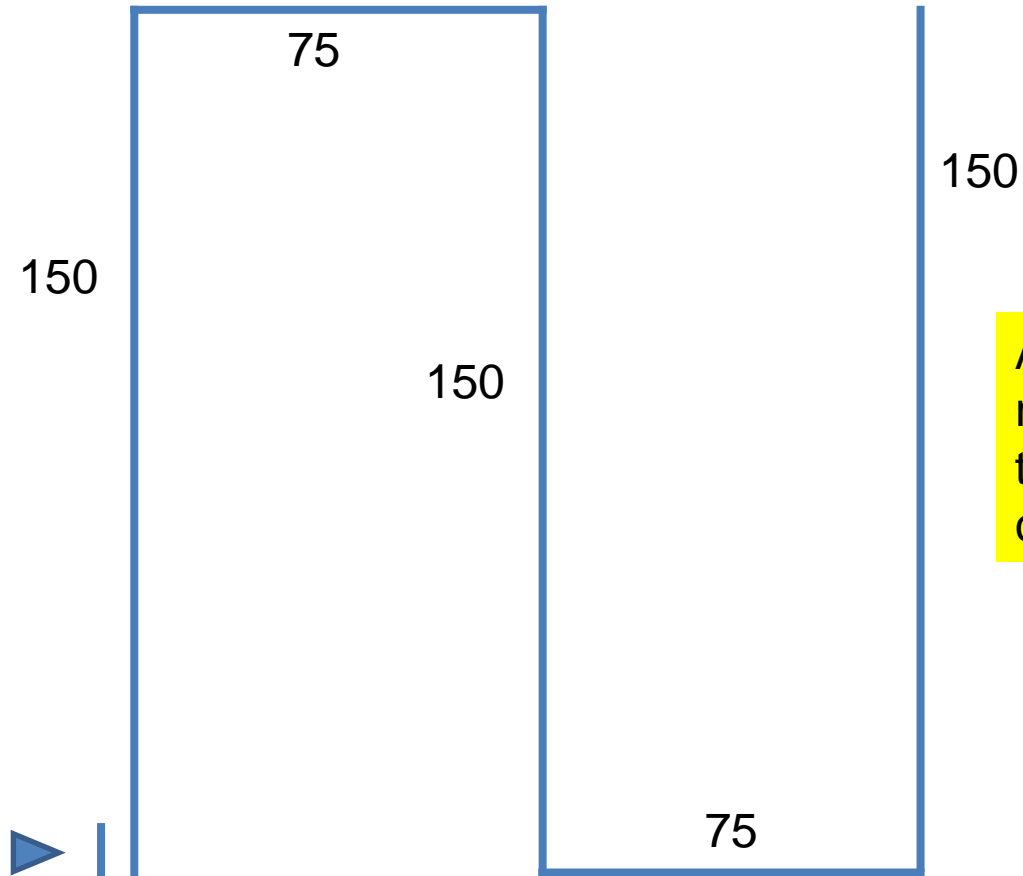
## In advance

- Recognize the track area
- Arrange the tracks
- Create terrain maps (Google Maps)

## On trial date

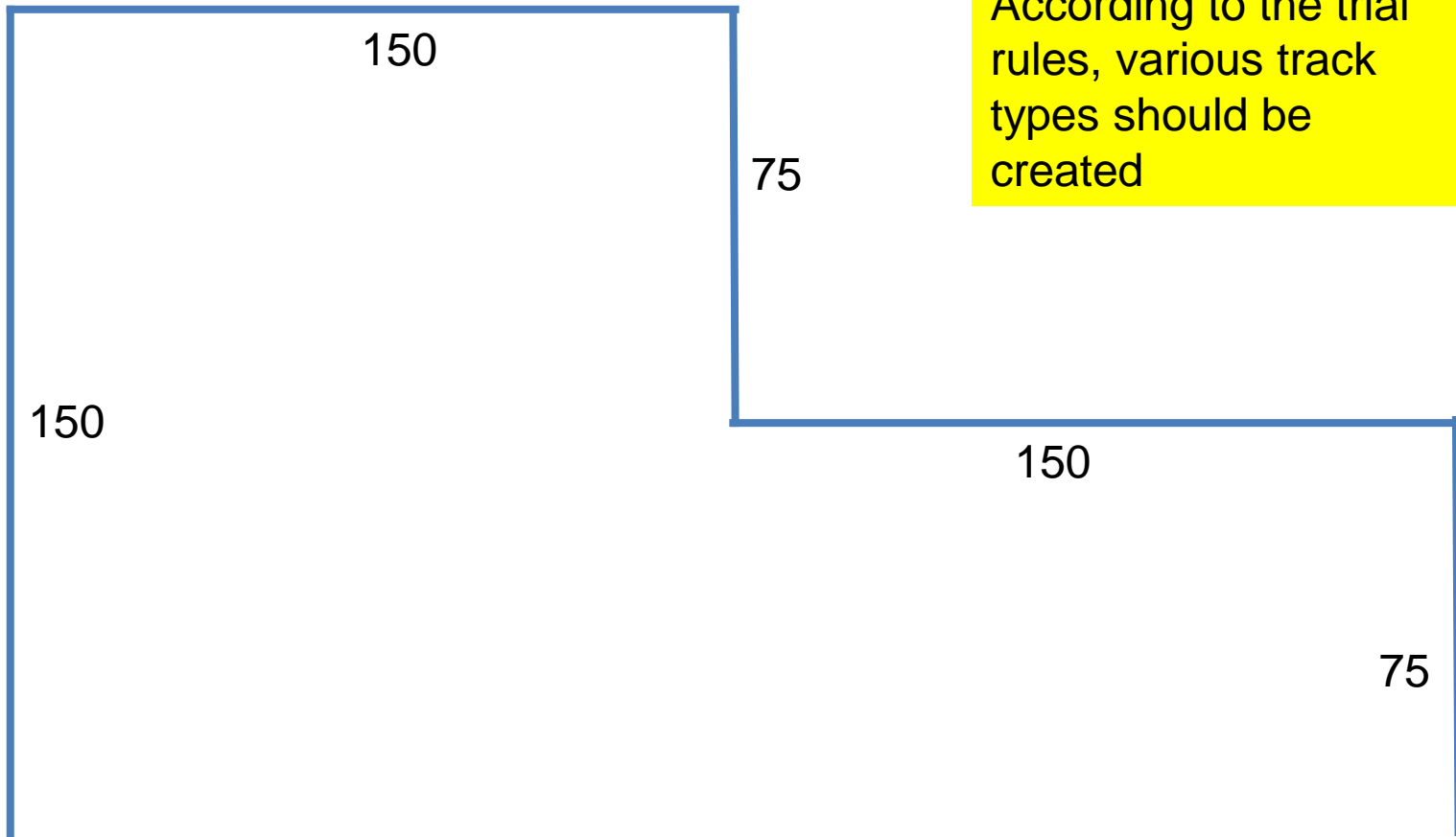
- Pen and paper available for track sketches
- Writing down start time when laying the track
- Look ahead to recognize tractor tracks, disturbance & fault zones early
- Problem areas, clearly inform the judge or track supervisor
- Markers and/or paces always written down on tracking sketch
- Delay in schedule
- Footwear like described

# Example paces IGP 3 / 600 paces



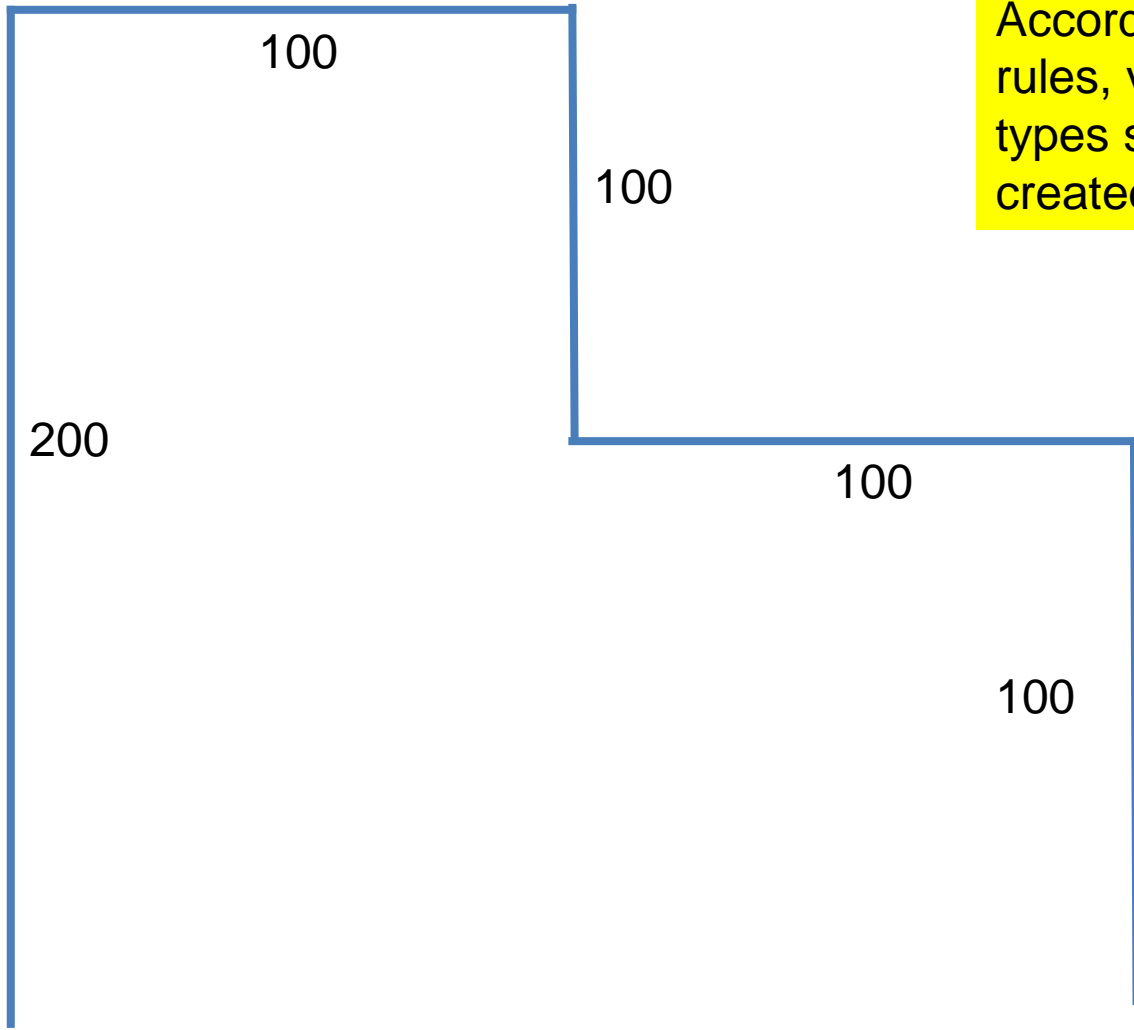
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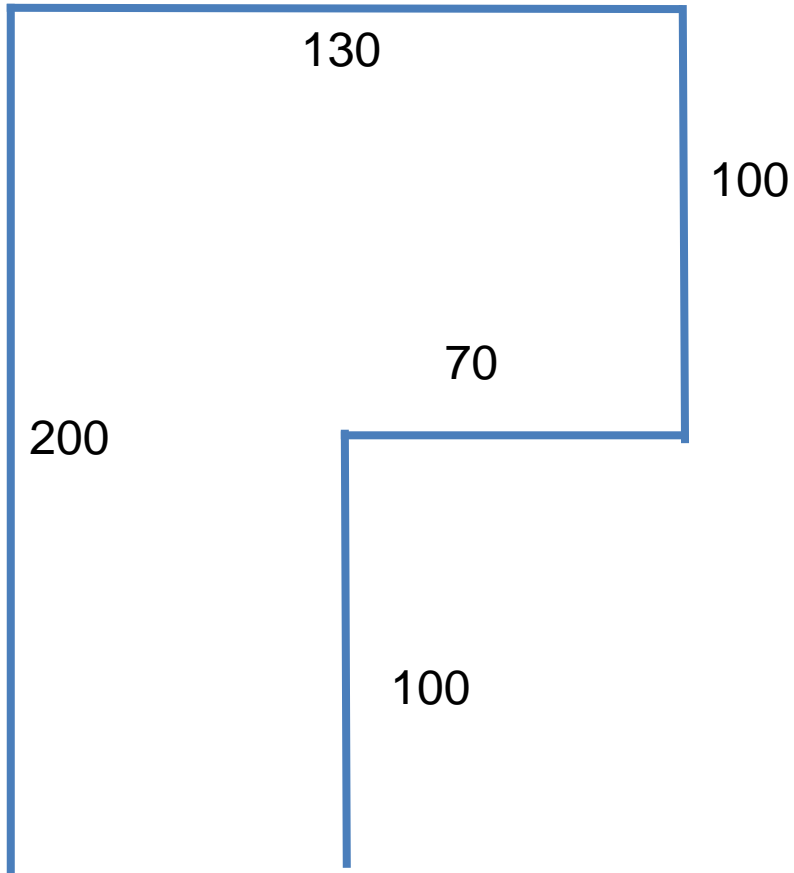
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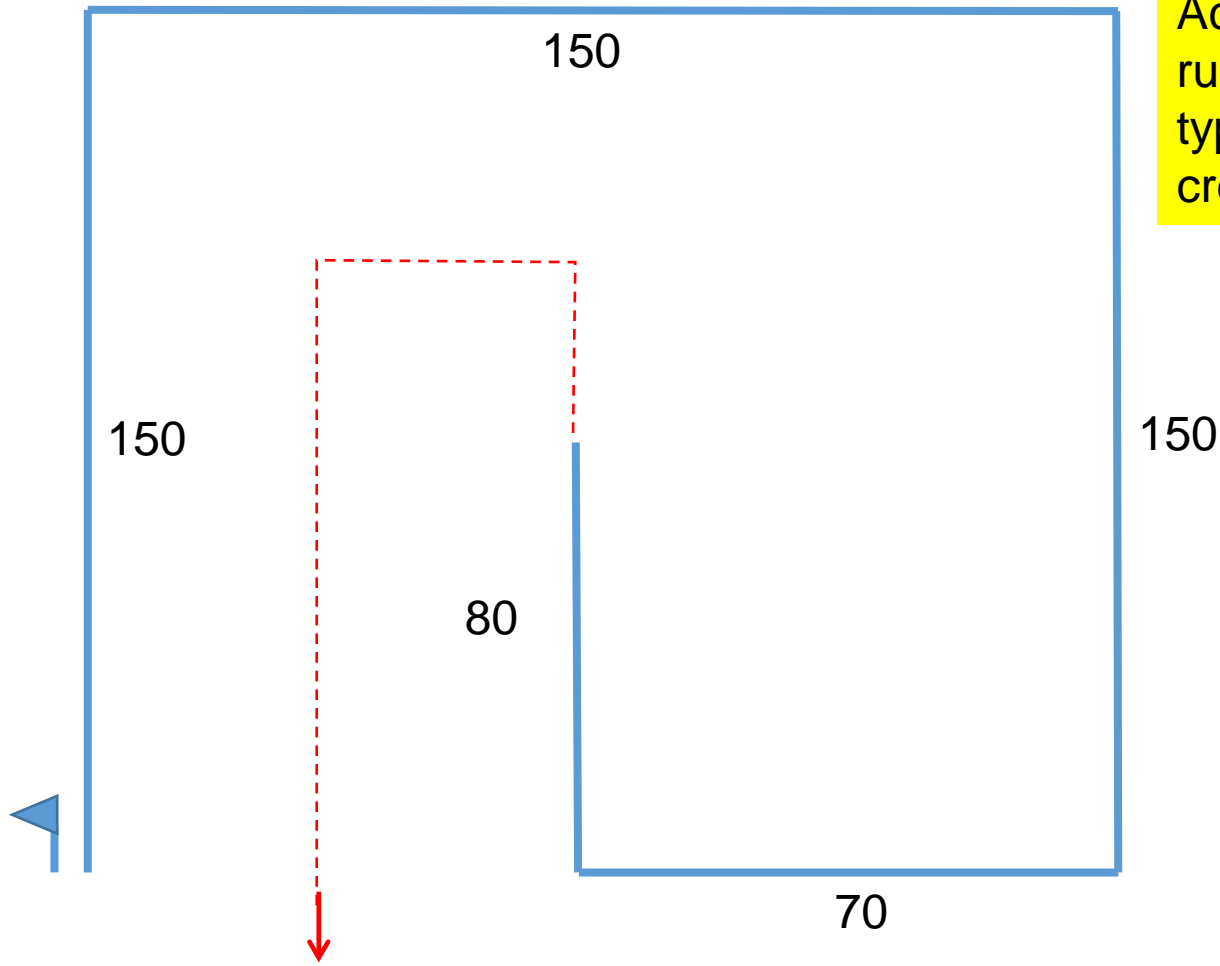
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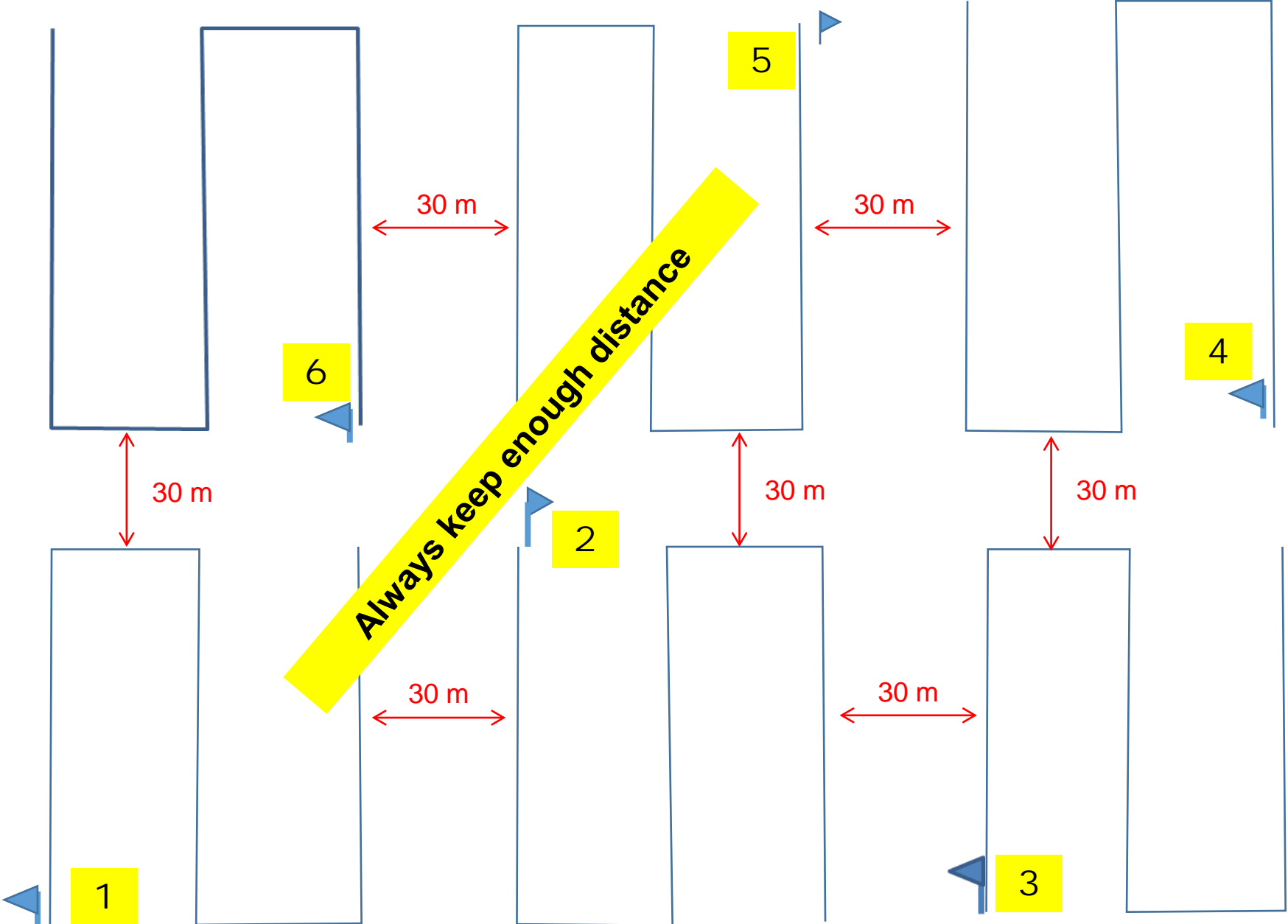
# Beispiel Schrittzahlen IGP 3 / 600 Schritte

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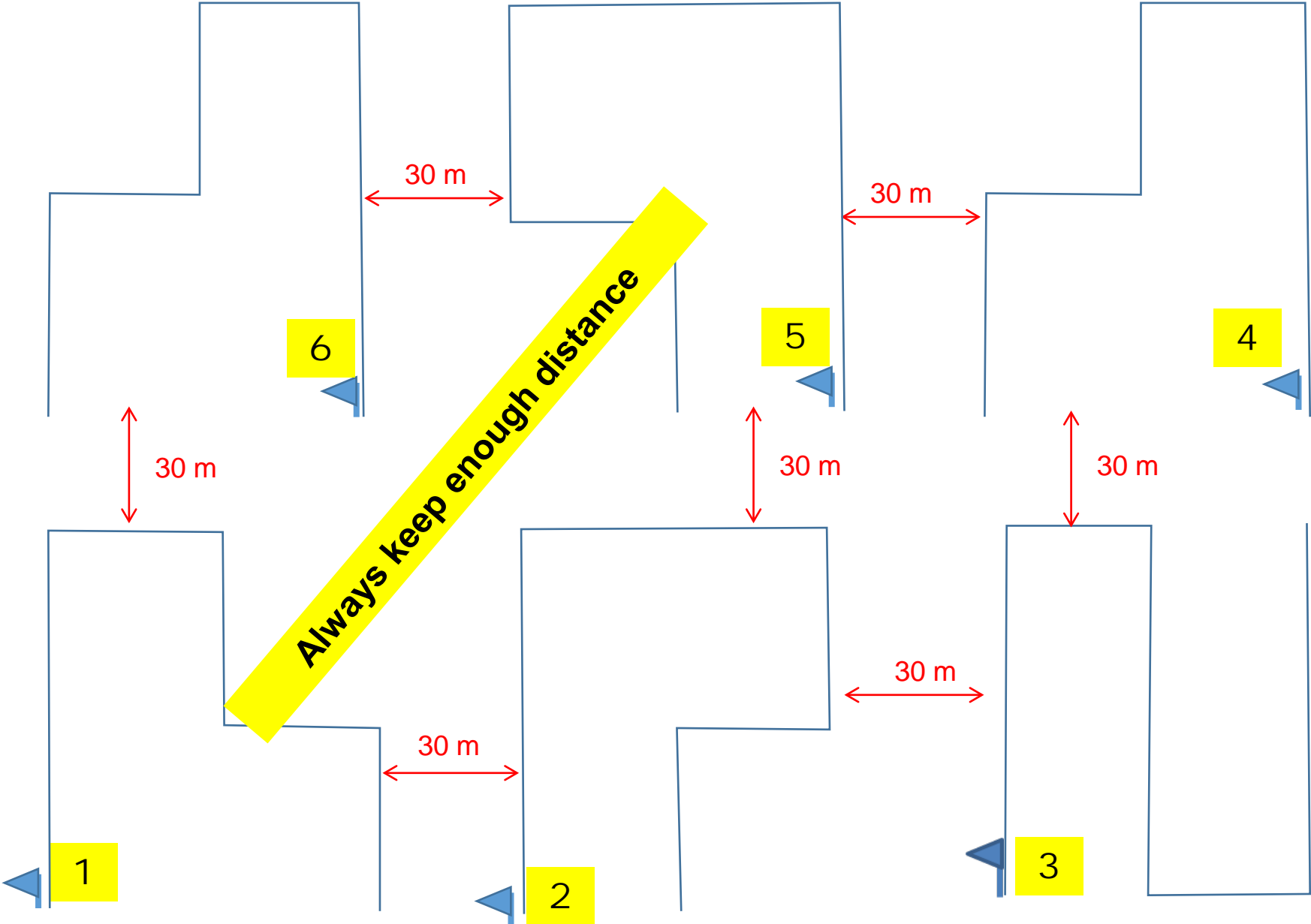
ATTENTION: difficult exit at the end of the track, but possible

# Example terrain / track classification





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# Concluding remarks

➤ **At all times the track layer must know what the course of the track is, where the corners are and the articles have been put down !!!**



➤ If an article is not indicated and can not be found by the track layer, no points are deducted. In the event that several articles are not found, the dog handler is offered a replacement track. If the DH does not accept this, the articles considered as not be found!

➤ The distance from the track layer to the dog handler and dog is at least 20 m and should be selected so that the dog gets not disturbed in its search behavior. In the area where the dog has the right to search, the dog must not be disturbed by the track layer and Judge!

**We wish you a lot of fun and success in laying tracks!!**