**SAFETY BRIEFING TEMPLATE**

**OANS Orienteering Events**

Welcome!

Here are a few notes about safety to be aware of for today’s event:

Please remember to carry a WHISTLE, COMPASS and TIMEPIECE with you. Your whistle should be used in these situations ONLY: If you are injured on the course, or if you are so lost that you cannot find your way back without assistance. In these cases, you will use three whistle blasts, repeating this until someone comes to your assistance. If you HEAR three whistle blasts, please remember that you are ethically required to respond.

If you are lost and decide to abandon the course, the safety bearing is [insert]. This bearing will take you to [provide explanation of how to get to the finish using the safety bearing]. PLEASE ENSURE YOU RETURN TO THE FINISH AND CHECK IN, even if you have not completed your course. This will help prevent any unnecessary searches from occurring.

The time limit on the course is [insert]. This means that if you are on your course longer than this time, your result will not count, even if you get all of the controls. If you notice that you are over time, please return to the finish.

The course closing time is [insert]. At the course closing time, organizers will begin picking up controls. If you have not returned to the finish by the course closing time, a search will be initiated.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU RETURN TO THE FINISH AND CHECK IN, even if you have not completed your course.

[Also point out first aiders/first aid tent, and note additional safety considerations: e.g. hazards on course such as poisonous plants, known bee hives, road crossings, out of bounds sections, private property, dangerous areas, slippery rocks, steep hills, etc.]

If you haven’t already done so, please Clear and Check now before Starting.