

# Certification Pathway/Assessment Guidelines

## *Level 2 Canoe Skills*

### Assessment

- The Level 2 Canoe Skills Assessment must take place outdoors on flat water (i.e., water of Grade I difficulty). No part of an assessment may be taken in a swimming pool.
- During an assessment, all techniques/skills must be performed to an assessor's satisfaction to achieve this award.
- It may not be feasible for a junior or disabled person to assist fully in rescues - such candidates should, however, have a full understanding of the correct sequence of required rescues and have some role to play in the completion of the rescues.
- All strokes should be demonstrated in relevant situations i.e., use of a simple draw stroke to manoeuvre the canoe to the bank, sweep and Pry should ideally be carried out as a manoeuvre to move the canoe sideways to avoid an obstacle. Strokes should be demonstrated on both sides of the canoe.
- Candidates should be familiar with all aspects of theory and should be able to verbally answer questions on theory aspects of the award.
- The Level 2 Canoe Skills Award is not a compulsory prerequisite for any subsequent Canoeing Ireland skills awards.
- No age restriction applies to this award.
- U18 Level 2 skills paddlers should be appropriately supervised by a person who is over 18 and who has suitable experience.

### Assessment Guidelines

- The Level 2 Canoe Skills Award can only be assessed by a currently registered Canoeing Ireland Instructor who is, at minimum, a Level 2 Canoe Instructor.
- The assessment may be carried out with a maximum of six candidates to one assessor for Level 2 Canoe Instructors or eight candidates to one assessor for Level 3 Canoe Instructors.
- All required assessment rescues should be kept until the end of an assessment.
- The assessment where practical should follow the pattern of a normal session including some aspect of journeying. Theory, skills, and techniques should be carried out and assessed in the context of the session. Tasks and games should be used where possible to ascertain skill level.
- Generally, guidelines will be given, should a candidate fail an assessment as to the areas that they need to improve on.