

# Certification Pathway/Assessment Guidelines

## *Level 2 Kayak Skills*

### Assessment

- The Level 2 Kayak Skills Assessment must take place outdoors on flat water (i.e., water of Grade I difficulty). No part of an assessment can be taken in a swimming pool.
- During an assessment, all techniques and skills must be demonstrated 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 each of the required rescues and have some role to fulfil in the completion of these rescues.
- A spraydeck must be worn throughout an assessment.
- All strokes should be demonstrated in relevant situations i.e., use of a simple draw stroke to manoeuvre the kayak to the bank. Strokes should be demonstrated on both sides of the kayak.
- 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 Kayak 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 Kayak Skills Award can only be assessed by a currently registered Canoeing Ireland Instructor who is, at minimum, a Level 2 Kayak Instructor.
- The assessment will be carried out with a maximum of six candidates to one assessor for Level 2 Instructors and eight candidates to one assessor for Level 3 Instructors and above.
- 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