



# Participant Assessment Tool: Level-4 Kayak Skills

Paddle Canada Waiver Collected

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Student 1:	Student 2:	Student 3:	Student 4:	Student 5:	Student 6:

Paddle Canada Course Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

4 participants require a safety boater  
6 participants requires an assistant

## Re-Entry and Incident Management P=Pass W=Weak F=Fail

emergency response/communication plan						
risk analysis and mitigation strategies						
emergency on-water repairs						
incident management and decision-making scenario						
peer debriefing strategies following an incident						
towing						
rolling in class 4 conditions <i>(both sides, 3/4)</i>						
assisted re-entry exercises and scenarios						
solo re-entry exercises and scenarios						

## Paddling Skills

launching and landing along difficult shore lines						
paddling in swell or current						
paddling in sustained wind with a loaded kayak						
travelling along inaccessible shorelines						
surfing						
paddling in currents						

## General Knowledge

leadership roles						
group awareness						
judgement and decision making						
weather interpretation and forecasting						
waves and currents						
tide and current calculations						

## Teaching Notes and Outcomes

Level-4 participants should be challenging themselves to the dynamic, moderately intense, and usually manageable physical, psychological, and social hazards associated with paddling in class 4 conditions. Participants are expected to solve complicated and complex problems by integrating and adapting the skills and knowledge acquired through earlier training and applied experiences by using innovative and practical solutions.

At Level-4, participants should be able to identify and articulate their own goals, and independently seek opportunities to work toward these goals within the context of the program. Instructors are facilitating and coaching, rather than teaching.

<b>Student Outcome:</b> (Pass, Conditional, Incomplete) (if a conditional pass was awarded conditions have to be clearly documented below and shared with the student)						
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**Instructor Notes:**

Please Note: This checklist is based on the Paddle Canada Sea Kayaking Manual (published in 2025). For up to date skills and requirements please consult the most recent manual.