

Assessment Checklist for Rafting (Traditional)

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Introduction

This is an assessment checklist to use in assessing an applicant to gain a permit to lead rafting. More details on the permit scheme, assessing, technical skills and rafting can be found in resources listed in [FS120084 Scout Led Activities Index](#).

Using this checklist

This checklist is the syllabus that an applicant should be assessed against for the technical section of gaining a permit. The columns on the right of each skill show whether it is applicable for each type of permit:

- P – Personal permits
- L – Leadership permits
- S – Supervisory permits

Once an assessment is complete the assessor should fill in the back page and give it to the applicant to take to their Commissioner.

Rafting (Traditional)

Name:

Core Skill	P	L	S
Responsibilities			
▪ Be aware of the limits of your own abilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Choose objectives appropriate to the group.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Plan effectively in advance including selecting a suitable venue and contingency plans.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Knowledge of rules / regulations which govern the use of water.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Able to identify when remote supervision is not appropriate in running rafting.			<input type="checkbox"/>
Group Management			
▪ Manage and communicate with a group effectively.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Ensure the group is adequately briefed before rafting, including lifting techniques, emergency procedures and the importance of discipline.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Knowledge of how environmental factors affect leadership styles (e.g. weather, water levels etc).		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Able to identify group members with the skills and experience to be able to lead rafting as a designated leader under supervision.			<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Able to set up appropriate monitoring systems to effectively supervise rafting groups.			<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Able to ensure that designated leaders are aware of their responsibilities.			<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk Assessment			
▪ Know how to complete a risk assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Able to effectively identify the hazards and risks and know how to reduce or remove them, during rafting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Able to train participants to carry out their own dynamic risk assessments.			<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Able to complete a risk assessment and identify those factors that are likely to change gradually or quickly.			<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Able to identify emergency procedures in a number of situations			<input type="checkbox"/>
Weather			
▪ Knowledge of where to gain weather information.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Knowledge of how weather conditions can affect rafting (e.g. water levels, speed etc).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical			
▪ Knowledge of raft construction techniques.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Knowledge of how to safely load a raft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Ability to launch and land a raft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Understand use of the paddle and all relevant paddle strokes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Be able to teach use of the paddle and all relevant paddle strokes.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Experience in a variety of environments for rafting.			<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Experience of working with a variety of different activity groups in rafting.			<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Procedures			
▪ Knowledge of relevant procedures in the event of an accident.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Have a practical knowledge of raft rescue techniques.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Have a practical knowledge of swimmer rescue techniques, including multiple swimmer rescues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equipment			
▪ Knowledge of personal equipment required and how it is used.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Knowledge of group equipment required and how it is used.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Understanding of additional equipment required by the leader.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes

Rafting (Traditional) - Permit Assessment

The applicant should keep this form once it has been completed by the assessor and take it to their Commissioner.

Applicant's name		Member No.	
Permit applied for	B1 Waters / B2+ Waters		
Category	Personal / Leadership / Supervisory		
1. TECHNICAL COMPETENCE			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Technical assessment based on competence in all areas of the assessment checklist.			
To be completed by: Either a County Assessor or an external assessor with the appropriate NGB award.			
Restrictions based on technical assessment:			
			Date
Assessor: Signature		Name	
County (if TSA Assessor)		Phone	
2. SCOUT ASSOCIATION RULES			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Check of knowledge of the appropriate Scout Association rules for running rafting. Appropriate rules can be found in FS120084 Scout Led Activities Index .			
To be completed by: Either a County Assessor, Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner.			
Restrictions based on knowledge of The Scout Association rules:			
			Date
Signature		Name	Role
3. SAFEGUARDING			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Check applicant has undertaken the necessary personal enquiry checks and received the appropriate safeguarding training.			
To be completed by: Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner.			
Restrictions based on Child Protection:			
			Date
Signature		Name	Role
4. PERSONAL SUITABILITY			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Check the applicant is suitable (attitude etc) based on the demands of rafting.			
To be completed by: Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner.			
Restrictions based on personal suitability:			
			Date
Signature		Name	Role
5. PERMIT GRANTED			Entered on the membership database <input type="checkbox"/>
Restrictions:			
			Expiry date
Commissioner signature		Date	