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GRADE 2 KAYAK CERTIFICATES AND KAYAK INSTRUCTORS

Kayaking Certificates

All new competitors must submit a copy (not the original) of a completed Grade 2 Kayak Certificate with their entry form. A description of the certification requirements is given below. Kayak certificates can be obtained from a kayak instructor anywhere in the world. New competitors currently enrolled in a Grade 2 course have until November 30th to complete their certificate provided they submit written confirmation of their kayak course enrolment with their entry form.

Competitors from previous years need only state on the entry form the year(s) they have competed in the SPEIGHT'S Coast to Coast. They do not have to send in another kayaking certificate.

A thorough and accurate assessment of competitors' kayaking skills is an important step in managing their safety. By completing a Grade 2 certificate, the kayak instructor is testifying that the competitor involved has the necessary skills and experience to manoeuvre the river section of the Speight's Coast to Coast safely.

Grade 2 Kayak requirements

General knowledge: In discussion with the kayak instructor the competitor should show good knowledge of the following: Personal kayaking and safety equipment, river dynamics at grade 2 level, hazards associated with kayaking including broaching, strainers and foot entrapment and the actions taken to avoid or minimise these hazards, tying kayaks onto roof racks and trailers, and the symptoms and treatment of hypothermia.

Moving water skills: Competitors must demonstrate competence in the following skills in their event boat or boat of similar stability and performance in grade 2 water: Capsize in a grade 2 rapid and self rescue by actively swimming with all equipment to an eddy, forward paddling, forward and reverse sweep strokes, low brace, break in / break out of eddies, ferry glide, identifying a safe line and manoeuvring down grade 2 rapids.

Participate in Rescue Skills: The competitor must be able to competently participate in the following rescues: Receive a throw bag, be carried on the stern of a boat and deep water rescue.

While the ability to perform an eskimo roll is not a compulsory kayak requirement, we strongly encourage competitors to attain this skill.

[Click here for the full list of Kayak Instructors, International Kayak Hire and Canoe Clubs.](#)

[Click here for a Grade 2 kayak certificate - this is to be completed by the kayak instructor](#)

COMPETITORS MUST SUBMIT A GRADE 2 KAYAK CERTIFICATE FROM A KAYAKING INSTRUCTOR FROM ANY CLUB, ASSOCIATION OR COMMERCIAL OPERATION. ANY INSTRUCTOR WISHING TO BE PUT ON THIS LIST SHOULD E-MAIL THEIR PARTICULARS TO info@coasttocoast.co.nz