



Canyoning Team Leader: Exam Skills Checklist

Below are the skills you will be asked to perform during your certification exam: 1-5 scale

1. Candidate makes a critical error in the process and is stopped due to life-threatening ramifications
2. Candidate displays adequate aptitude but displays weaknesses in important techniques
3. Conditional: The candidate displays sufficient aptitude but needs improvement in techniques
4. Pass with hesitation but shows consistently strong performance in all techniques and skills
5. Pass expeditiously but shows consistently strong performance in all techniques and skills

Skills	Description	Score	
Tie Knots, Hitches, & Bends	Tie and inspect correctly and efficiently: etrier/ladder made from webbing, Bowline with Yosemite finish, Stone knot, and EDK. Recall & demonstrate proficiency in tying & identifying knots. Analyze the purpose & application of each knot in various scenarios. Apply knowledge of knot properties & strength to select a knot for the scenario		
Construct Marginal & Retrievable Anchors	Marginal Anchors: Construction & Analysis (Deadman, Carin, Human, Knot, Chock, & Rock Chock). Evaluate strength & effectiveness of constructed anchors. Construct retrievable anchors (Sand Traps, Toggle Devices, Wanchor, CEM, and/or Macrame). Build & analyze marginal & retrievable anchors safely & effectively		
Rappel Techniques: Marginal Anchors	Rappel Techniques: Backup, Sequence, & Soft Starts with Marginal Anchors. Apply knowledge of anchor properties & strength to use appropriate backup systems & soft starts. Implement backup systems, soft starts, & proper rappel techniques consistently		
Bolted Anchor Basics	Bolted Anchors: Basic Construction & Safety Checks Understand rock quality & bolting procedure Evaluate the integrity of existing bolted anchors & identify potential hazards		
Pothole Escapes Techniques	Pot Shots, Hooks, Pack Carins, Partner Assists. Understand & choose appropriate escape techniques based on pothole characteristics & resources.		
Rig Twin Rope Rigging Systems	Twin Rope Rigging: Construction & Identification - Design & build twin rope rigging systems for rappelling. Identify scenarios where twin rope systems are necessary; construct & utilize twin rope rigging systems accurately		



Convert to Lower Rescue Technique	Convert to Lower (Toss n' Go, Carabiner Block, Toggle Device). Perform convert to lower static block: Toggle, Carabiner block		
Pick Off Rescue Technique	Apply emergency response protocols to make informed decisions in various rescue scenarios. Perform the pick-off technique from the top and the bottom		
Emergency Response Protocol	Emergency Response Protocol: Analyze & utilize rescue emergency protocol for canyoning incidents		
Construct Haul System	Haul Systems: Construction & Application Construct safe & efficient haul systems for hauling victims back to the top of the rappel. Identify situations where haul systems are necessary. Implement haul systems effectively & confidently		
Explain Anchor Forces: Mechanical Advantage Systems	Anchor Forces: Mechanical Advantage Systems. Understand the concept of mechanical advantage & its impact on anchor forces. Know and calculate mechanical advantage ratios for various rigging configurations. 3:1, 5:1, & 9:1.		
Buddy Check	Perform thorough buddy checks competently and confidently, checking anchor, rapide, rappel block, rappel device, helmet, harness, clothing, and dangling entrapment issues.		
Navigation	Input waypoints given and navigate to those points, retrieving items stored		
Canyon Leadership	Lead a canyon: Safety briefing, keeping the group together, setting safe zones, safety gates, coach rappelling, downclimbing, efficiently moving the group, DST, Jocker or Totem rigging system, rescue injured rappeller, and a stuck rappeller		