

Field Leader (Paddling and Hiking) Scope of Practice

The Field Leader (Paddling + Hiking) Scope of Practice is as follows:

This course will certify you for one-day events held in 3 seasons and in Class 1 Hiking Terrain when on land and in Class 1 Paddling Environment when on water.

Field Leader Requirements

Field Leaders must:

- *Implement the event cycle as described in this course. If a Field Leader is unable to implement a specific element of the event cycle due to particular circumstances, they must act in ways that respect the intent of the event cycle.*
- *Have inspected the venue.*
 - *Hiking venues - at least once in the past 12 months.*
 - *Paddling venues - current and expected water conditions within 12 hours of the event.*
- *Operate under the procedures and guidelines of a risk management plan¹. This risk management plan must have been created by a competent individual.*
- *Supervision²:*
 - *Be supervised by another, more experienced, outdoor leader.*
 - or*
 - *Work within a learning community whose members are all typically OCC certified Field Leaders.*

Apprentice Field Leaders and Experienced Field Leaders

An Apprentice Field Leader must work under the direct supervision of a more experienced outdoor leader.

To lead others in higher class terrain, or paddling environments, a Field Leader must possess additional training and experience that has been validated as sufficient by other respected outdoor leaders.³

¹ See Appendix A in the student's manual for a description of minimum requirements for a risk management plan.

² See Appendix A in the student's manual for more information on what qualifies as supervision.

³ See Appendix A in the student's manual for more information on respected outdoor leader and validation processes.

An Important Note

The paddling practices presented within this course fall under Transport Canada's Small Vessel Regulations for a Guided Excursion (henceforth referred to as Transport Canada's regulations). The Guided Excursion regulations are different than the regulations for recreational paddlers. As such, Field Leaders must respect the Guided Excursion regulations. Consult Appendix E for a full description of the Guided Excursion regulations.