



Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation

Registered Charity 1017362

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DCRO CAVING COMPETENCY CHECKLIST

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN FILLING IN THIS FORM

Name of Sponsor / Leader/Controller:

Email: Mobile:

Prospective Probationer:

Before a Probationer can be allowed to go underground on Training / Incidents we must be sure that they have the relevant caving skills which include self-sufficiency in looking after themselves underground and be competent with personal progression using SRT. They must also be fit enough to tackle most of Derbyshire's cave and mine systems and have an awareness of maintaining their own personal caving equipment.

Do you consider the Probationer to be competent in underground procedures? Y / N If **NO** go to section B

Section A – Underground

1. Do you consider the Probationer to be self-sufficient underground? Y / N

2. Please indicate which of the following the Probationer is competent in

- Safe approach to pitches Y / N
- Abseiling Y / N
- Correct locking off of descending device Y / N
- Re-belays Y / N
- Hanging re-belays Y / N
- Deviations Y / N
- Traverses Y / N
- Knot passing Y / N
- Mid rope change over Y / N
- Reverse prussic Y / N

Section B – Surface Support

1. Are you sponsoring the Probationer for surface support duties only? Y / N



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Section C – Personal Equipment

1. Please indicate which of the following, in your opinion, that the Probationer is aware of

- Aware that PPE should be in a good state of repair and fit for purpose Y / N
- Aware that PPE should be inspected at least every six months Y / N
- Aware of maintaining equipment to manufacturer's guidelines Y / N
- Aware of retiring equipment at maximum age Y / N

Section D – Fitness

1. In your opinion is the Probationer

- Fit enough to tackle the majority of Derbyshire's Caves / Mines Y / N

Please give a brief description of your caving experience with the Probationer in support of the application.

Sponsors - Please give this to the Prospective Probationer to hand in with their Application form.

Signed: **Date:**

Leader/Controllers: - Please forward this form the probationer training liaison officer.

Signed: **Date:**