

WEHoRR Pennants - Criteria and eligibility for the Awarding of Pennants

Correct as of 10 January 2026

Crews can be awarded multiple Pennants but will receive only one medal per crew member.

Name	Introduction	More information	Attend Prizegiving	Trophy	Fabric Pennant	Shield	Crew Medals
Head Pennant	Awarded to the crew which covers the course in the fastest time.	Awarded to the crew which covers the course in the fastest time. Composite crews are eligible.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2nd Place	Awarded to the crew which covers the course in the 2nd fastest time.	Awarded to the crew which covers the course in the 2nd fastest time. Composite crews are eligible.	Y		Y		
3rd Place	Awarded to the crew which covers the course in the 3rd fastest time.	Awarded to the crew which covers the course in the 3rd fastest time. Composite crews are eligible.	Y		Y		
Club Pennant	The Club Pennant is awarded to the highest placed British club crew.	The Club pennant is open to crews representing a single British Club (excluding universities, colleges or schools, national and similar associations). Only British club crews are eligible (NB Northern Ireland crews are deemed to be All Ireland and hence overseas crews). All crew members, other than the cox, are to have been fully paid up members of the club which they are representing since 1st January in race year. Composite crews are not eligible.	Y	Y		Y	Y

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Medium Club Pennant	The Medium Club Pennant is awarded to the highest placed crew from a British club which has a medium sized racing membership (as defined by WEHoRR's published index).	<p>All eligibility requirements for the Club Pennant (see above) apply to the Medium Club Pennant.</p> <p>Clubs eligible for the Medium Club Pennant are <u>not</u> eligible for the main Club Pennant.</p> <p>Composite crews are not eligible.</p> <p>The Medium Club Pennant is open to crews from British clubs which over the last 10 years have accrued 12 points or fewer and more than 5 points with each competing rower (not cox) counting for 1/8th point.</p> <p>Racing clubs or "clubs of convenience" which are considered to be attached to another club will be considered as part of the parent club.</p> <p>Each year the WEHoRR will publish a list of eligible clubs before the Race. Appeals can be made before 31 December¹ in the calendar year before the race, but the WEHoRR Committee has final say on the list.</p>	Y			Y	Y

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Small Club Pennant	The Small Club Pennant is awarded to the highest placed crew from a British club which has a small racing membership (as defined by WEHoRR's published index).	<p>All eligibility requirements for the Club Pennant (see above) apply to Small Club Pennant.</p> <p>Clubs eligible for the Small Club Pennant are <u>not</u> eligible for the main Club Pennant or the Medium Club Pennant.</p> <p>Composite crews are not eligible.</p> <p>The Small Club Pennant is open to crews from British clubs which over the last 10 years have accrued 5 points or fewer, points with each competing rower (not cox) counting for 1/8th point.</p> <p>Racing clubs or "clubs of convenience" which are considered to be attached to another club will be considered as part of the parent club.</p> <p>Each year the WEHoRR will publish a list of eligible clubs before the Race. Appeals can be made before 31 December¹ in the calendar year before the race, but the WEHoRR Committee has final say on the list.</p>	Y			Y	Y
Provincial Club Pennant	The Provincial Club Pennant is awarded to any single British Club, outside the M25 and not located on the River Thames.	<p>All eligibility requirements for the Club Pennant (see above) apply to the Provincial Club Pennant.</p> <p>Clubs eligible for the Provincial Club Pennant are eligible for the Club Pennant or if relevant the other club pennants.</p> <p>Composite crews are not eligible.</p> <p>The Provincial Club Pennant is awarded to any single British Club (excluding universities, colleges or schools, national and similar associations) outside the M25 and not located on the River Thames.</p>	Y			Y	Y

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University Pennant	The University Pennant is awarded to highest placed crew from a single higher education institute.	The University Pennant is awarded to the highest placed crew from a single British or single overseas university or higher education institute. Only bona fide students of the university or higher education institute may compete for the University Pennant (including coxes). Composite crews are <u>not</u> eligible. A University is not eligible for any of the Club Pennants.	Y			Y	Y
Overseas Pennant	The Overseas Pennant is awarded to the highest placed Overseas crew (including Irish crews).	The Overseas Pennant is awarded to the highest placed Overseas crew (including Irish crews). Overseas crews are only eligible to enter 'Elite' (open), Senior, Masters, University or School/Junior classes. Composite crews are eligible. Overseas crews are required to have an appropriate level of public liability insurance, suggested level to be £5million.	Y			Y	Y
School/Junior Pennant	The Schools/Junior Pennant is awarded to the highest placed school or junior crew.	The Schools/Junior Pennant is awarded to the highest placed school or junior crew. The age limits are as defined in the British Rowing Rules of Racing (see Rule 4-3-c). This eligibility extends J18 to permit pupils in full time secondary education to compete for their school or club up to the date of their 19th birthday. Composite crews are eligible for this Pennant. National team crews wishing to race should contact the Race Committee Chair to discuss their eligibility.	Y			Y	Y

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Masters Pennant	The Masters Pennant is awarded to the highest placed masters' crew after adjustments of time handicap.	<p>The Masters Pennant is awarded to the highest placed masters crew after adjustments of time handicap.</p> <p>A master is someone who has attained the age of 27 years or will attain this age during the calendar race year, as defined by British Rowing's Rules of Racing. Composite crews are eligible for this Pennant.</p>	Y			Y	Y
Senior Pennant	The Senior Pennant is awarded to the highest place crew whose crew members are all below 'international standard' as defined in the detailed rules.	<p>The Senior Pennant is awarded to the highest placed crew which does not contain the following:</p> <p>One or more crew member who has competed for any nation (in rowing or sculling) within the last THREE years² at any of the following events:</p> <p>The Olympic Regatta The World Championships A World Cup Regatta Any continental championship The Under 23 World Championships</p> <p>Crews containing 4 or more members who won the Senior Pennant at the previous year's WEHoRR are also not eligible.</p> <p>Composite crews are eligible for this Pennant.</p>	Y			Y	Y

Challenge Academic Pennant	<p>The Challenge Academic Pennant is awarded to the highest place crew whose crew members have been rowing for over 2 years, and have not reached the late stages of significant national competitions as defined in the detailed rules.</p>	<p>The Challenge Academic Pennant is awarded to the highest placed crew from a single British or single overseas university or higher education institute whose crew members have not competed (in either rowing or sculling) at any of the following events:</p> <p>Within the past THREE years² - The Olympic Regatta, The World Championships, A World Cup Regatta, Any continental championship, The Under 23 World Championships</p> <p>Within the past TWO years³ - The Junior World Championships (for any nation)</p> <p>Within the past TWO years³ - The Oxford-Cambridge University Boat Races (openweight, reserves and lightweights)</p> <p>Within the past year⁴ – Henley Royal Regatta (excluding qualifiers)</p> <p>Within the past year⁴ – a Semi-final at Henley Women's Regatta (excluding J16)</p> <p>Within the past year⁴ – a Championship Final at BUCS Regatta in Vllls or 4x (open classification only)</p> <p>Crews containing 4 or more members who won the Challenge or Challenge Academic Pennant at WEHoRR in the last year are also not eligible.</p> <p>Rowing Ireland affiliated clubs are eligible for this Pennant, but other overseas crews are not.</p> <p>Only bona fide students of the university or higher education institute may compete for this Pennant (including coxes). Crews containing alumni or other non-students are not eligible for this category and must race up a status.</p> <p>Composite crews are eligible for this Pennant.</p>	Y			Y	Y
Challenge Pennant	<p>The Challenge Pennant is awarded to the highest place crew whose crew members have been</p>	<p>The Challenge Pennant is awarded to the highest placed club or club composite crew whose crew members have not competed (in either rowing or sculling) at any of the following events:</p>	Y			Y	Y

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Beginner Academic (A) Pennant	The Beginner Academic Pennant is awarded to the highest placed university or school crew whose crew members started rowing after 1 st March 2023.	<p>The Beginner Academic Pennant is awarded to the highest placed university or school crew whose rowing crew members fulfil the following criteria: Started rowing after 1st March 2024. Started rowing on or before 31st October 2025. Have previously competed in no more than one WEHoRR race</p> <p>From a safety perspective, we do not extend this restriction to coxes (and encourage Beginner crews to have experienced coxes)</p> <p>Beginner university crews with non-student members must enter the Beginner Pennant. Crews representing Cambridge, London and Oxford Universities – and composite crews of colleges of those universities, may not enter the Beginner Academic Pennant; but a crew representing a single college at one of these universities is permitted to enter. Composites of non-collegiate universities, of non-collegiate universities with clubs and/or schools, and of schools with clubs, if entering beginner, must enter as 'Beginner (A)'. Rowing Ireland affiliated clubs are eligible for this Pennant, but other overseas crews are not.</p>	Y	Y		Y	Y

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Beginner Pennant	The Beginner Pennant is awarded the highest placed club, composite club or junior club crew whose members started rowing after 1 st March 2023.	<p>The Beginner Pennant is awarded to the highest placed club, club composite or junior club crew whose members fulfil the following criteria: Started rowing after 1st March 2024. Started rowing on or before 31st October 2025. Have previously competed in no more than one WEHoRR race</p> <p>From a safety perspective, we do not extend this restriction to coxes (and encourage Beginner crews to have experienced coxes)</p> <p>Beginner university crews with non-student members must enter this Pennant Composite crews are eligible for this Pennant (but see restriction to Beginner Academic for collegiate crews as this still applies).</p>	Y	Y		Y	Y
HM Forces Pennant	The HM Forces Pennant is awarded to the highest placed Services crew.	<p>The HM Forces Pennant is awarded to the highest placed Services crew. This Pennant is administered by the JSRC. All queries must be taken up with JSRC directly.</p>				Y	
Fin Trophy	The Fin Trophy is awarded to a crew that demonstrates the values of the WEHoRR.	The Fin Trophy is awarded to a crew that in the eyes of the Committee demonstrates the values of the WEHoRR.	Y	Y			

¹ Or by the date published on the Small and Medium Club lists for that year's race

² Since 1st March 2023

³ Since 1st March 2024

⁴ Since 1st March 2025

The Committee reserves the right to change any of the above at its discretion.

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