



Eligibility Rules for DW prizes

Classification of Prizes

“Prizes” includes trophies, certificates, medals or combinations of those.

A prize may be:

1. Open to all; The Gluckstein and Pfeiffer trophies are in this category.
2. Open to all in a class; for example the fastest senior doubles crew.
3. Open to all in a class subject to age and/or gender, or nationality and residence.
4. Open to a team; most of these are specific to a class, the exception being the Trans-Class Team Trophy.
5. Restricted to entrants in a class who also represent an organisation of a specific type; for example police or scouts.
6. Restricted to a team from an organisation of a specific type.

Classification of Competitors

A competitor may declare their allegiance to a single club or organisation when entering the race. The individual must be a bona fide member of that club or organisation (see below).

Competitors not declaring an allegiance will paddle as “Independent”.

Armed Forces

Full time members of the armed forces may declare for a relevant unit, forces canoe club or association. Alternatively they may choose not to be classified as armed forces by declaring as a bona fide member of a civilian club or organisation, or paddling as Independent.

Reserve Forces

Members of the reserve forces wishing to be eligible for designated armed forces prizes must declare for a relevant unit, forces canoe club or association. Alternatively they may choose not to be classified as armed forces by declaring as a bona fide member of a civilian club or organisation, or paddling as Independent.

UK Armed Forces Please Note

Entrants who are members of the UK Armed Forces are referred to the Annexe to these eligibility rules. It contains specific information concerning the organisation and structure of canoeing within the MoD.

Universities

To be eligible for the prizes designated “University” competitors must be full time students in higher education. They must declare on the entry form the establishment at which they are studying. This declaration may be additional to their primary allegiance.

Schools

To be eligible for the prizes designated “School”, bona fide competitors must be enrolled as full time pupils on the roll of the School which is declared on their entry form. This declaration must be their primary allegiance [i.e. allows for CCF entry as secondary]

In the event of retirement or emergency, call Race Control on 0207 620 0298

Scouts

To be eligible for the prizes designated "Scout" competitors must be full members of the UK Scout Association or an equivalent overseas organisation. They must declare on the entry form the name of their Scout Group, District or County. This declaration may be additional to their primary allegiance. Note that crews entering primarily as Scouts should ensure that they meet any additional requirements of the Scout Association

Police

To be eligible for the prizes designated "Police" competitors must be serving police officers. They must declare on the entry form the name of their force. This declaration may be additional to their primary allegiance.

Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

To be eligible for the prize designated "CCF" competitors must be full members of their school's CCF. CCF teams are also eligible for school and other relevant junior prizes.

Membership Qualification

"Bona fide membership" of a club or organisation that is not related to armed forces membership means that the competitor has been a member from the 1st of September prior to the race through to the end of the race (i.e. Easter Monday). If the entrant has raced in the Hasler series for a recognised canoe club during the current season they are required to declare for that club. If the entrant has not raced in the Hasler series but has represented a club in other competitions then they should declare for that club. Any questions regarding bona fide membership will be resolved on application to the Directors of the Organisation.

Competitors entering as armed forces members must be on the roll of or attached to the unit for which they declare, or must be qualified members of their declared association or club.

Proof of membership may be required.

Team Membership

Membership of a team is restricted to competitors who have all declared for the same unit, club or organisation on their entry forms; independents are not eligible for team competition.

Restricted Prizes

Where prizes are restricted to organisations of a specific type then only competitors who have declared for a club or organisation which meets the designated criteria are eligible for the prize.

Civilian Prizes

Any competitor who has not declared for an armed forces unit, canoe club or association is eligible for prizes designated "Civilian". For non-team prizes this includes Independents.

Exemptions and clarifications

For some single boat prizes it is acceptable for the crew to have a secondary allegiance. For example the Scout Trophies are open to bona fide scouts within a club.

University, Scout and Police crews should be from the same institution, unit or force. Any intending mixed crews must clear their status with the entry secretary before completing their entry.

There is no restriction on individual boat composition for open prizes.

Annexe covering entries by UK Armed Forces

Armed Forces - General

Members of the UK Armed Forces are encouraged to represent their Service wherever practicable.

All Services have 'Club / Association' status such that they can compete as a club team in their own right (ACU, RAFCA, RNKA, RMKA). Units, depots, capbadges and other sub groupings can also compete for the Services team trophies.

Regulars and Reserves may compete in the same team, but this will limit access to those trophies aimed solely at either Regular, or Reserve service personnel competing in a team, or boat together (see trophy specific criteria).

Armed Forces entries can compete for the overall trophies as well as Services specific trophies as per class rulings and trophy criteria. There are only 2 x trophies that distinguish between Regulars and Reserves:

THE DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER SERVICES TROPHY

Donated by The Royal Marines Canoe Club, for the fastest crew who are both serving members of HM Armed Forces (Regular). Plus MEDALS.

THE DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER RESERVE TROPHY

Donated by the 10th Battalion Parachute Regiment (TA), for the fastest crew who are both members of the Reserve Forces. Open to RNR: RMFVR: R.AUX: A.F. and the Army Reserve. Plus MEDALS.

Type B Reserves (eg University OTCs) are eligible as members of the Armed Forces. Cadets are members of a Youth movement, and are not eligible

Each of the Services entering a Service level team will enter their teams as ACU / RAFCA, RNKA, RMKA - Team A, B, C etc. Entries for these Service Association/Union/Club teams (eg ACU, RAFCA, RNKA, RMKA – A Team etc), can only be made by those running their annual DW campaign.

Entries made by unit or establishment teams must be informed to the Service Association POC (default is via the Service Association secretariat), but will be submitted and administered by that unit / establishment Team Captain. Team Captains are answerable to their Service canoe / kayak Association for all aspects of their preparation, conduct and standards associated with this high profile representative sport.

Any Corps, Capbadge, Unit, HQ or Establishment not training and racing as per of their Association led teams (above) are expected to enter with the Service Association/Club/Union designator followed by establishment / unit title – eg - ACU - RMAA, ACU - ARMY HQ, ACU - PARA, ACU - RE, ACU – 36 ENGR Regt, RAFCA – 2 Sqn RAF Reg, RAFCA – Stn, RNKA – HQ Fleet, RMKA – 40 Cdo RM etc.

Membership Qualification

Competitors entering as armed forces members must be on the roll of, or be formally assigned / attached to the unit for which they declare, and/or must be endorsed members of their declared Service Association, Union or Club. Proof of membership may be required.

Armed Forces Teams

It is a general principle that armed forces team prizes are to encourage a combination of inter-unit and inter-service competition, while feeding the bespoke training camps and preparation afforded by the annual DW campaigns of all Services. Specifically it is expected that the Royal Engineers Team Trophy for the fastest Service Team should be a competition between:

(Army) Overarching Service Club (ACU)
(RAF) Overarching Service Club (RAFCA)
(Royal Navy) Overarching Service Club (RNKA)
(Royal Marines) Overarching Club (RMKA)

or sub sets such as:

(Army) Corps (eg Royal Engineers)
(Army) Division (eg Queen's Division, Household Division etc') (Army)
(Army) Regiment (eg Parachute Regiment)
(All) Units, Stations, Vessels (eg Sandhurst, Dartmouth, Cranwell, Lympstone etc)

Armed forces teams of all persuasions compete for overall event open prizes given that they are comparable in their scope to a civilian club. Where there is any doubt guidance will be provided by the Competition Secretary.