



The Archies Rules and Regulations

General

1. The event is organised on behalf of the UK Material Handling Association (UKMHA) by the Association Events Committee. Other members may be co-opted should this be considered necessary. The committee comprises of:
 - President
 - Chief Executive
 - Representatives of the Association's PR Consultants
2. The event is held annually at a location agreed by the Board of the UK Material Handling Association (UKMHA).
3. The event, Archies, and all related materials are the exclusive property of UKMHA. Any illegal or inappropriate use of associated logos, marques, etc. will lead to censure by, and possible ejection from, UKMHA.
4. The winners are announced on the night of the awards. Nothing implied or suggested by the UKMHA, and/or its agents, prior to the event, may be taken as any indication of a company or individual winning an award.
5. The Association reserves the right to bar an individual or company from the event.

Categories

6. The various categories, and the rules associated with them, are described below. The Board of UKMHA reserves the right to add, change or remove any award category as it deems necessary.
7. The Board reserves the right not to present an award as it sees fit.
8. No company may win an award in more than one product category in the same year.

Sustainability Award of the Year

9. This award is presented to a company for a new product, service or initiative that is deemed to have made, or be capable of making, a significant contribution to the environmental impact of material handling equipment.
10. The award is nominated by readers of publications produced by the Awards Media Partner and from within the industry, or companies may nominate themselves.
11. To be eligible, the nominated product, service or initiative must have been launched no more than 12 months prior to the closing date for nominations, other than in extenuating circumstances such as the postponement of the event.
12. Nominations in this category will be vetted by the UKMHA Nominations Committee. The committee may seek the advice of independent consultants to verify the quality and originality of the nominated product, service or initiative.
13. The winner of this category will be presented with an Archie and is allowed to use the appropriate winner's logo within the parameters established by the Association.

Ergonomics Award

14. This award is presented to a company for a new product, service or initiative that is deemed to have made, or be capable of making, a significant contribution to the ergonomic design and use of material handling equipment.
15. The award is nominated by readers of publications produced by the Awards Media Partner and from within the industry, or companies may nominate themselves.
16. To be eligible, the nominated product, service or initiative must have been launched no more than 12 months prior to the closing date for nominations, other than in extenuating circumstances such as the postponement of the event.
17. Nominations in this category will be vetted by the UKMHA Nominations Committee. The committee may seek the advice of independent consultants to verify the quality and originality of the nominated product, service or initiative.
18. The winner of this category will be presented with an Archie and is allowed to use the appropriate winner's logo within the parameters established by the Association.

Safety Awards (Manufacturer Safety Product of the Year / Ancillary Safety Product of the Year)

19. There are two awards in this category, one for material handling equipment and another for ancillary products. The awards are presented to a company for a new product, service or initiative that is deemed to have made, or be capable of making, a significant contribution to the safety of material handling equipment and the applications in which they are deployed.
20. The awards are nominated by readers of publications produced by the Awards Media Partner and from within the industry, or companies may nominate themselves.
21. To be eligible, nominated products, services or initiatives must have been launched no more than 12 months prior to the closing date for nominations, other than in extenuating circumstances such as the postponement of the event.

22. Nominations in this category will be vetted by the UKMHA Nominations Committee. The committee may seek the advice of independent consultants to verify the quality and originality of nominated products, services or initiatives.
23. The two winners of this category will each be presented with an Archie and are allowed to use the appropriate winner's logo within the parameters established by the Association.

Innovation Award (Manufacturer Product Innovation of the Year / Automation Innovation of the Year)

24. There are two awards in this category, one for material handling equipment and ancillary products and another for automation equipment and systems. The awards are presented to companies for new products, services or initiatives that are deemed to have made a fresh, creative or defining contribution to the design and use of material handling equipment and the applications in which they are deployed.
25. The awards are nominated by readers of publications produced by the Awards Media Partner and from within the industry, or companies may nominate themselves.
26. To be eligible, the nominated products, services or initiatives must have been launched no more than 12 months prior to the closing date for nominations, other than in extenuating circumstances such as the postponement of the event.
27. Nominations in this category will be vetted by the Nominations Committee. The committee may seek the advice of independent consultants to verify the quality and originality of the nominated product, service or initiative.
28. The winners of this category will be presented with an Archie and is allowed to use the appropriate winner's logo within the parameters established by the Association.

Supplier of the Year Award

29. This award is presented to a company that is a Supplier Member and supplies products or services to members of the Association and does so in an exemplary manner.
30. All Supplier Members are automatically entered into the award, which is voted on by Full Members of the Association.
31. The winner of this category will be presented with an Archie and is allowed to use the appropriate winner's logo within the parameters established by the Association.
32. A company that wins in this category will not be eligible to win in this category again for 3 years.

Safe Site Award

33. This award is open to any company that operates material handling equipment and has introduced a new initiative to make handling operations safer at one or more sites. This may have been the complete redesign of all or part of the site, modification of the site, a change to operating processes and procedures or equipment, or anything else that has made a significant contribution to safety.

34. A company does not have to be a member of the UKMHA Safe User Group to be eligible for nomination.
35. A company in this category can be nominated by others or nominate themselves.
36. Nominations in this category will be vetted by the UKMHA Nominations Committee.
37. The winner of this category will be presented with an Archie and is allowed to use the appropriate winner's logo within the parameters established by the Association.
38. Exceptional runners up may be awarded a Highly Commended Certificate.

Apprentice of the Year Award

39. This award is presented to the highest achieving engineering apprentice from within the material handling industry.
40. Employers and educational establishments will be asked to nominate their selected student(s) in accordance with the requirements of the UKMHA Nominations Committee.
41. Nominations will be vetted by members of the UKMHA Nominations Committee and short-listed nominees will be interviewed by a panel appointed by the Nominations Committee, at a time and place determined by them.
42. The ultimate winner will be determined by the panel and the committee may also determine one or more runners up if they think this is appropriate.
43. The winning individual will receive a special framed certificate and a cheque for £1000.00. Runners up will receive cheques for a lesser amount, to be determined by the Nominations Committee. (The overall value of these awards will be reviewed periodically.)

Services to the Association Award

44. This award is bestowed at the discretion of the UKMHA Board. It recognises a sustained or extraordinary contribution to the Association.
45. The winner of this award will be presented with an Archie.

Services to the Industry Award

46. This award is presented to an individual who has devoted their career to the material handling industry, demonstrating exceptional service and dedication.
47. Potential winners are nominated from within the industry.
48. Nominations in this category will be vetted by the UKMHA Nominations Committee.
49. The winner of this award will be presented with an Archie.

Lifetime Achievement Award

50. This award is the highest individual honour bestowed by UKMHA. It is presented to an individual who has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the materials handling industry.

51. Potential winners are nominated from within the industry.

53. Nominations in this category will be vetted by the UKMHA Nominations Committee.

54. The winner of this award will be presented with an Archie.

UKMHA Dealer Member of the Year

55. This award is open to dealer members of UKMHA and will be awarded to the company that operates its business to the highest standards. The entry needs to show not only commercial success but a commitment to both employees and the wider community. Anyone can make a nomination, including the company itself but only those who have met the compliance standards of the Association's audit are eligible to enter.

56. Nominations in this category will be vetted by the UKMHA Nominations Committee.

57. The winner of this award will be presented with an Archie and is allowed to use the appropriate winner's logo within the parameters established by the Association.

Training Provider of the Year

58. This award is open to training providers who provide accredited (ABAwT, UKMHA, CFTS) training to the material handling industry.

59. Nominations in this category will be vetted by the UKMHA Nominations Committee. The committee may seek the advice of independent consultants to verify the quality and delivery of the training. This award is open to full members of UKMHA.

60. The winner of this award will be presented with an Archie and is allowed to use the appropriate winner's logo within the parameters established by the Association.

Unsung Hero of the Year

61. This award is open to nominations for any person who has gone above and beyond in their efforts to provide excellent service and support in the industry.

62. Nominations in this category will be vetted by the UKMHA Nominations Committee.

63. The winner of this award will be presented with an Archie and is allowed to use the appropriate winner's logo within the parameters established by the Association.

Nominations

64. Unless otherwise publicly declared, the following rules shall apply:

- a) Where the nomination is for a product, service or initiative, this must have been launched within the 12 months preceding the nomination, other than in extenuating circumstances

such as the postponement of the event. In the context of a nomination, “launched” shall mean available for purchase or the placing of a firm order.

- b) The deadline for nominations shall be defined by UKMHA and will usually be the last working day of the month, falling three months before the next awards event, at which the award will be presented. (For example, if the awards ceremony is to be held in October, the closing date for nominations would be the last day of June of the same year and, if the ceremony is to be held in February, the closing date would be last of October, in the preceding year.)

65. Full nomination requirements are available from the UKMHA office: sales@ukmha.org.uk

Entries

- 66. All entries must meet the required criteria and must be accompanied by high quality images of the product, service or initiative in action. The images should be suitable for publication.
- 67. If no appropriate images are available then short-listed companies must be willing to make the product, service or initiative available to be photographed, filmed, or otherwise recorded by representatives from UKMHA.
- 68. The short list of those awards open to public voting will be announced no later than the last working day of the month falling two months before the month in which the next awards ceremony, for presentation will be held.
- 69. The UKMHA accepts no responsibility for materials or entries (photographs, DVDs, etc.) submitted to it.

Jury

- 70. For the first time in a number of years the winners will be decided by a combination of both the jury and public vote.
- 71. Full jury and ballot process details are available from the UKMHA office: sales@ukmha.org.uk

Sponsorship

There are various opportunities for sponsorship associated with these awards. Full details are available on the website at <https://ukmha.org.uk/events-2/ukmha-archies-awards-2024/> or on request from the Director of the UK Material Handling Association: cameron.burnett@ukmha.org.uk

NB: The Association reserves the right to make changes to any aspect of the awards, its processes and timescales in the light of changing or exceptional circumstances.