

Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers

Hereford District

Striking Competition Rules 2016



1. The competition is open to anyone within the Hereford District.
2. All ringers must be a "paid" up resident member of the Guild.
3. Any band with only 5 ringers may have a guest tenor ringer to be appointed on the day by the Ringing Master for that area. The same ringer to ring for all bands requiring assistance. Bands entering from 5 bell towers will be permitted to ring the back 5 should they wish.
4. Bands shall be made up of members for that tower, together with other members who ring regularly at that tower for practice and/or service.
5. The test piece will consist of 120 changes of any method or principle, or 5 minutes of interesting call changes with at least 2 different bells leading. Conductors to state which they are ringing at the draw. The ringing must start and finish with at least 10 whole pulls of rounds.
6. The treble shall be rung for 2 whole pulls to notify the judge/s that the test piece is about to start.
7. Judging will start from the beginning of changes and will continue until all the bells are set after the final rounds. The District Committee will appoint the judge/s and their decision will be final.
8. Each band will be allowed 3 minutes of actual ringing time before their test piece. Time will be added on for the adjusting of ropes.
9. The same steward will act for all bands. The duty of the steward is to ensure each band knows which is the Treble, to keep account of practise time and to inform the Conductor when there is 30 seconds of ringing time left..
10. There will be two trophies awarded. – one for the change ringing band placed first, and one for the call change band placed first by the judge/s.
11. People may ring twice but not whole bands together. If a tower enters two bands) no more than 3 people may ring in both. A ringer shall only ring in one method/principle and one call change band..