

SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS
NORTH EAST DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION RULES 2022

1. Trophies

The Trevor Hughes Trophy shall be awarded to the highest scoring method ringing team
The Call Change Trophy shall be awarded to the highest scoring call change team.
The Harry Archer Trophy shall be awarded to the team that has not won either of the other two trophies and which, in the opinion of the District Ringing Master, has given the most impressive performance, taking account of improvement since the previous competition and the level of experience of the band.

2. Teams

Each team shall nominally represent a tower and shall consist of six ringers, preferably Guild members, at least THREE of whom shall be Guild members from, or regular ringers at that tower. "Scratch" teams which do not meet these requirements may enter at the discretion of the District Ringing Master but may not be awarded a trophy.
The District Ringing Master shall appoint an Official Reserve who may ring in any team that is otherwise unable to enter. Apart from the Official Reserve no ringer may ring in more than two teams.

3. Test piece

Each team's test piece shall be agreed in advance with the District Ringing Master and shall take into account the ability and experience of the band.

Method teams - the test piece shall consist of 120 changes of Doubles with a cover, or Minor, and may, if agreed, consist of 12 courses of Plain Hunt Doubles, or 3 (or 4) plain courses of Plain Bob Doubles (or Grandsire Doubles). Marking shall start when the first change is made, and finish after 120 rows.

Call change teams – the test piece shall consist of 120 rows (about four minutes) to include Queens (135246); stronger bands will be handicapped by a requirement for one or two bells besides the treble to lead.

Rounds teams – the test piece shall consist of 60 whole pulls, the best consecutive 60 whole pulls being marked.

4. Judges

The District Ringing Master shall appoint one or more judges from outside the District membership. The judges may penalise teams for failing to comply with the rules of the test piece by adjusting the marking at their discretion. The judges' decisions on marking shall be final.

5. Practice

Each team shall be allowed a few minutes' practice ringing immediately before the test piece. Readiness to start the test piece shall be indicated by the treble ringing a single whole pull.

6. Assistance

The presence of a person in the ringing chamber to assist with timing of the practice and the test piece shall be allowed, but no other assistance may be given.