

# Rules for the SE District 2024

## JUDGES:

A minimum of two judges to be appointed by the Ringing Master

## THE DRAW:

To decide the order in which teams will ring one member of each band should be present at the draw. Advance notice of the time and place of the draw will be given in 'What's On'. In the event of a band not being complete at their allotted ringing time, it will be left the Ringing Master's discretion as to whether there is a reason for that team to ring at a different time.

## THE BAND:

A band nominally competes as a representative band of a particular tower. In doing so, the band must have at least 4 members shown in the Annual Report as members of that tower, or who are bona fide Sunday Service ringers at that tower.

Scratch bands can be formed by ringers who are members of SE District Towers. The band should inform the Ringing Master of this intention. The Ringing Master may use their discretion as to whether the band can compete.

## TRIAL RINGING:

Round or changes may be rung for a maximum of 2 minutes before the test piece. If required a timekeeper, appointed by the Ringing Master, will be available to time this ringing. Ringing must stop between the trial ringing and the test piece.

## TEST PIECE:

The test piece will either be 120 changes or 4 minutes call changes\*.

The call changes must be from rounds to Queens and back to rounds. Stronger bands will be handicapped by a requirement for one or two bells besides the treble to lead. In the case of call changes a timekeeper, appointed by the Ringing Master, will be available if required.

The test piece will be judged from the first change until the bells are set. It is at the judges' discretion whether method and call changes entries are marked together or separately. It is at the Ringing Master's discretion whether a method band may ring plain courses to meet the 120 requirement. Method entries are eligible to win the method trophy and call change entries the call change shield.

## DISPUTES AND QUERIES REGARDING THE RULES:

These will be left to the Ringing Master's discretion in the year that they arise. They will then be discussed by the District Committee at their next meeting and if it felt necessary amendments will be made to the rules for the following year's competition.

\* A few rows of rounds (10/20 seconds) is acceptable at the end of the call changes within the 4 minute test piece.

## Comments (not part of the rules):

If it is found necessary after a few rounds of the trial ringing to stop and adjust ropes or position boxes, the 2 minutes will be timed from the restart of the ringing.

The treble will be rung for two whole pulls to advise the judges when the test piece is to commence.