

SUFFOLK GUILD (SE DISTRICT)

Rules for the District 6-Bell striking Competition

1. **JUDGES:** A minimum of two judges- to be appointed by the Ringing Master
2. **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 Ringer Master's discretion as to whether there is a reason for that team to ring at a different time.
3. **THE BAND:** A band 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.
4. **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.
5. **TEST PIECE:** The test piece will either be 120 changes or 4 minutes call changes*. The call changes must be from rounds to Whittington's and back to rounds. Rounds on their own will not be allowed. 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. Method entries are eligible to win the method trophy and call change entries the call change shield.
6. **DISPUTES AND QUERIES REGARDING THE RULES:** These will be left to the Ringer 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.