

Sonning Deanery Branch –Striking Competition rules

Striking competition rules

The following rules for Branch striking competitions were adopted at the Branch AGM in February 2001. They are based on the ODG Striking Competition rules.

Teams

- 1 The names of the team members and the conductor shall be notified to the organiser before ringing.
- 2 Every ringer taking part must be either a resident ringing member, a life member or an honorary ringing member of the Branch. No person shall ring for more than one team.

3 (a) Six Bell Competition

This competition shall be open to tower bands. A tower band shall consist of members who normally ring together at the same tower for Sunday Services, whether or not they ring at more than one tower and shall be chosen by the tower in any way it thinks fit. A tower which enters more than one team shall designate them 'A', 'B', 'C', etc. One substitute member per tower shall be permitted regardless of how many teams it enters.

(b) Eight Bell Competition

This competition shall be open to tower bands or joint bands representing up to three towers. A tower band shall consist of members who normally ring together at the same tower for Sunday Services, whether or not they ring at more than one tower and shall be chosen by the tower in any way it thinks fit. A tower which enters more than one team shall designate them 'A', 'B', 'C', etc. Two substitute member per tower band shall be permitted regardless of how many teams it enters.

Ringling

- 1 The order of ringling of the teams shall be drawn in advance or at the start of the competition.
- 2 The bells will be up.
- 3 Up to two minutes practice will be allowed to each team prior to the test piece.
- 4 Open handstroke leads will be assumed unless otherwise stated beforehand.
- 5 Only the test piece, which must finish with rounds, will be judged.
- 6 (a) Six Bell competition.

The test piece will consist of at least one minute's rounds followed by 240 changes of any method of Doubles or Minor or 240 rows of call changes or 240 rounds. If a method is rung then plain courses will be acceptable; also the test piece shall be concluded when the band returns to rounds. If call changes are rung then at least thirty changes must be called and at least five different bells must lead. Any team intending to ring call changes or rounds must notify the organiser at the time of entry.

(b) Eight Bell Competition.

The test piece will consist of at least one minute's rounds followed by at least 210 and at most 252 changes of any method of Triples or Major or 240 rows of call changes or 240 rounds. If a method is rung then plain courses will be acceptable; also the test piece shall be concluded when the band returns to rounds. If call changes are rung then at least thirty changes must be called and at least five different bells must lead. Any team intending to ring call changes or rounds must notify the organiser at the time of entry. The test piece will be judged on the average number of faults per hundred rows.

- 7 The competition will be judged on striking alone.
- 8 Any team failing to obey the above rules will be disqualified.
- 9 The judges decision will be final.
- 10 The highest placed team in the Six Bell Competition whose test piece conforms to Guild rules will go forward to the next Guild Six Bell Competition.

General footnotes

1. If two towers operate with a joint band for Sunday services, then they may enter as a joint team.
2. As agreed at the 1983 AGM, further teams not representing any particular tower may enter external to the main contest, to be judged but not placed within the competition.
3. All teams must be ready to ring when the draw takes place.
4. Although you may enter on the day, the Branch would like to know in advance how many teams intend to compete, and how many of the members want tea.

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