

The Hertford County Association of Change Ringers

Established 29th October, 1884

10 - BELL STRIKING COMPETITION

RULES

1. The object of the competition is to promote Ten Bell Change Ringing within the Association.

2. Eligibility of bands:

a) All members of competing bands must be bona fide members of the Association or are a member of Y@H

c) Bands should be district based with at least 7 members of the band being attached to a tower in the district. Up to 3 ringers from other districts may join the band.

c) Members of the association may ring in a maximum of two bands, providing that they do not ring the same bell.

d) A maximum of two bands may be entered from each District of the Association and from Y@H.

3. Test piece and judging:

a) The competition touch shall consist of a true touch or (part) course of at least 180, and at most 240, changes in any recognised Caters or Royal method(s).

b) A band may ring call changes. This shall consist of at least 10 minutes ringing during which all of the following must be rung: Queens, Roller Coaster and Tittums.

c) Up to 6 minutes practice (total elapsed time from hearing the first bell to the setting of the last bell) is allowed before the competition touch. This practice may include changes and the team may stop and start within the allowed time, bearing in mind that the stoppages form part of their 6 minutes. The bells must finally be set before starting the competition touch. The start of the competition test piece will be signalled by the sounding of bells 1 & 2 for two whole pulls (1-2, 1-2, 1-2, 1-2). d) The whole of the competition test piece will be judged. The rounds at the beginning and end will also be marked. There will be no penalty for bells which fail to set.

4. Any ringer with special requirements should notify the organisers as early as possible.

5. The 10-bell competition committee will decide on the format for a draw for the order of ringing. This could take the form of an advance draw held in the presence of at least 6 association members between 7 and 14 days prior to the date for the competition or

alternatively to take place immediately prior to the competition with a representative of each band being present. All teams will ring in the order drawn.

6. Any matter not covered by these rules, and any dispute arising, shall be decided by the 10-bell competition Committee of the Association, and that decision shall be final and binding.