

Kimpton Cup Rules

1. The object of the competition is to promote six-bell change ringing within the Association.
2. Teams must be drawn from regular Sunday Service bands, or regular practice night attendees.
3. Each competing band may have not more than two Sunday service ringers participants in any other competing band. Any ringers in more than one competing band must ring a different bell in each of the bands in which they compete. Any ringer who is a regular at practice nights only, may ring for one competing band only.
4. The competition touch shall consist of a minimum of 240 changes in any recognised Doubles or Minor method(s), except that a band unable to ring methods may instead ring a minimum of eight minutes of call changes. A band intending to ring call changes must state its intention at the time of the draw. Special requirements for any of the ringers should be notified to the organisers before the draw.
5. Up to 3 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 3 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). 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.
6. Bands must ring six bells, except that a band from a five bell tower may ring five.
7. The Kimpton Cup, to be held for one year, will be awarded to the winning team.
8. Entries must be received by the date given. If it is not possible to name an actual tower for a team on the entry submission, state the District from which the tower team will be selected.
9. The draw for the order of ringing will take place at the time stated above, and teams must ring in the order drawn.
10. No more than two teams may be entered from each District of the Association.
11. Any matter not covered by these rules, and any dispute arising, shall be decided by the Kimpton Cup Committee of the Association, and that decision shall be final and binding.