

NOVICE 8 BELL COMPETITION

The ethos of the proposed 8 Bell Novice Competition is to encourage inexperienced ringers, who have not had the opportunity before, to be able to take their first steps into 8 bell competition ringing. These ringers may be total newcomers to competition ringing or those who have experienced the 6 Bell Novice Competition and are now looking to further their experience to an 8 bell competition. The rules below have been designed to reflect this.

RULES

- 1) Each team will consist of at least one novice Ringing Member of the Guild who will ring a changing bell. A novice Ringing Member is one who has not rung a changing bell to a quarter peal on seven or more changing bells or previously rung a changing bell for the winning team of the competition. The remaining members of the team must be members of the Guild.
- 2) Each team may include up to three ringers who are also ringing for another team.
- 3) No ringer may ring the same bell for more than one team.
- 4) Teams wishing to enter will notify the Guild Secretary before the advertised date. The Guild Secretary will allocate the order of ringing.
- 5) Each team will be allowed a practice lasting no more than five minutes
- 6) The treble will sound a warning to the judges. All ringing after this will be marked until the final bell has stood.
- 7) Each team will ring at one attempt a test piece of 168 changes of Plain Hunt Triples.
- 8) The judges will mark the striking of each test piece and award the trophy to the winning team. The decision of the judges is final.