INTER-BRANCH 8-BELL STRIKING COMPETITION
(For the Andrews Trophy)

The aim of this competition is to promote excellence in 8-bell striking and method ringing ability.

RULES

1. The competition is open to resident members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.
2. Each team shall represent one branch of the Guild of Devonshire ringers and shall consist of ringers who ring at events organised by that branch at least once every three months on average.
3. Each team may include no more than three ringers who are ringing in more than one team.
4. No ringer may ring the same bell for more than one team.
5. No ringer may ring in more than two teams.
6. The Guild Secretary must be notified of entries before the advertised date.
7. The order of ringing shall be decided by a draw on the day of the competition.
8. One member each team shall provide a list of the team members to the Guild Secretary at the time of the draw.
9. Each team shall be allowed a practice that lasts for no more than five minutes. Contraventions will be penalised at the discretion of the judge(s).
10. The treble shall be sounded to indicate to the judge(s) that the test piece is about to start; all ringing after this shall be marked until the final bell has stood.
11. The test piece shall be a touch that has been publicised to members in advance of the competition.
12. Each team shall ring the test piece at one attempt.
13. Failure to complete the test piece at one attempt shall result in disqualification from the competition.
14. In the case of a mechanical failure of the bells, the steward at the tower or else the judge(s) shall exercise reasonable discretion on how to proceed.
15. The striking of each test piece shall be marked by the judge(s).
16. The trophy shall be awarded to the winning team by judge(s).
17. The decision of the judge(s) is final.