8-BELL STRIKING COMPETITION FOR NOVICES
(For the David Willis Trophy)

The aim of this competition is to encourage inexperienced ringers to take their first steps in 8-bell competition ringing.

RULES

1. The competition is open to resident members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.
2. Each team must include at least one changing bell rung by a ringer who has not rung a changing bell for a quarter peal on more than 6 bells.
3. Each team may include no more than three ringers who are ringing in more than one team.
4. The Guild Secretary must be notified of entries before the advertised date and shall allocate the order of ringing.
5. 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).
6. 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.
7. Each team shall ring at one attempt a test piece of 168 changes of Plain Hunt Triples.
8. Failure to complete the test piece at one attempt shall result in disqualification from the competition.
9. 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.
10. The striking of each test piece shall be marked by the judge(s) and a marking advantage of ten percent shall be awarded for each ringer who has not rung a changing bell for a quarter peal on more than 6 bells.
11. The trophy shall be awarded to the winning team by judge(s).
12. The decision of the judge(s) is final.