



INTER-TOWER 8-BELL STRIKING COMPETITION FOR NOVICES

Background information

The ethos of the 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.