

GUILD STRIKING COMPETITION RULES

1. Bands shall comprise people who normally ring together on Sunday or practice night. See separate rules for a Young Ringers' Band.
2. Only members of the competing band shall be in the ringing chamber during each test piece.
3. Each ringer may only be a member of a maximum of **two** competing bands.
4. Unless it is necessary to complete a band, there shall be one rope per person.
5. A practice of about three minutes may be rung.
6. The test piece, preceded by up to one minute of rounds, shall consist of approximately five minutes' ringing of call changes or any method on five or six bells. Marking will start when the first pair of bells changes and will continue until the bells finally return to rounds or ringing ceases.
7. The test piece shall be announced by ringing the tenor alone.
8. An entry fee of 50p per rope shall be paid to the treasurer before the competition. A list of ringers, stating which bells they are to ring, is requested so that certificates can be prepared.
9. The Branch Ringing Masters will be in overall charge.

YOUNG RINGERS' BAND

We will allow a band of young Guild members to ring in the Striking Competition.

Special rules will apply to this band and may be reviewed each year.

1. Junior members of the Carlisle Diocesan Guild may join together to form one band to ring in the Striking Competition.
2. They will be responsible for organising the band themselves.
3. Suitable, unbiased adult supervision will be provided in the tower if necessary.
4. The band will enter the competition on the basis of a 'scratch' band. The ringing will be judged together with all the entries but would not be eligible to win the trophy, which is for the inter-tower competition.
5. Guild rules 3 to 9 apply to all bands entering the competition.