

GUILD STRIKING COMPETITION RULES

1. Bands shall comprise people who normally ring together on Sundays or practice night. Separate rules apply for Young Ringers' Bands. All bands should ring competition piece(s) of a complexity comparable to those that the members would normally ring together.
2. Only members of the competing band shall be in the ringing chamber during each test piece, unless a Call Change band requests help with timing (but no further help is allowed).
3. Each ringer may only be a member of a maximum of **two** competing bands.
4. Call Change and Method Ringing bands will compete for separate awards.
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 on six bells of either call changes, or at least 120 changes of any standard change ringing method or principle. Marking will start when the bells move away from rounds and will continue until the bells finally return to rounds or ringing ceases.
7. For Call Change Bands, at least three different bells must lead and at least 12 pairs of bells must change (i.e. 12 Call Changes)
8. The test piece shall be announced by ringing the tenor alone.
9. An entry fee of 50p per rope shall be paid to the treasurer before the competition. A completed entry form is required so that certificates can be prepared.
10. Depending on the number of teams already entered, at the discretion of the Branch Ringing Master, other teams may be formed on a "scratch" basis and should be clearly entered as such. These would not need to fulfil the eligibility criteria in the rules, but would not be able to win either of the awarded prizes.
11. The Branch Ringing Master, in consultation with other Guild Officers present, will be in overall charge. In the absence of the Branch Ringing Master, Guild Officers present should decide who will take charge.

YOUNG RINGERS' BAND(S)

We will allow one or more bands of Young Guild Members to ring in the Striking Competition.

1. Junior members of the Carlisle Diocesan Guild are encouraged to join together to form one or more bands to ring in the Striking Competition.
2. Junior members may also ring in other bands, but not more than **three** bands in total.
3. Junior members will be encouraged to organise the band themselves, but may call upon others to help as needed or to complete the band.
4. Suitable, unbiased adult supervision will be provided in the tower.
5. Young ringers' band(s) will enter the competition on the basis of a 'scratch' band. Ringing will be judged together with all the entries but will not be eligible to win either prize awarded for the inter-tower competition.
6. Guild rules 5 to 11 apply to all bands entering the competition.