

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION RULES AS AGREED AT QUARTERLY MEETING ON 30TH JANUARY 2010

- 1.** The object is to improve striking in the District through friendly competition between bands representing towers or united benefices in union with the KCACR.
- 2.** The date and place of the competition shall be decided by the District Committee who will be the organisers of the event.
- 3.** Towers or united benefices represented shall be in union with the KCACR. Individual ringers should normally be members of the Association.
- 4.** In any band four ringers shall be regular Sunday Service ringers at the tower or united benefice they represent. The remaining two ringers must be members of the KCACR.
- 5.** No ringer shall compete more than once in the competition.
- 6.** Entries must be received by the District Secretary at least one week before the competition. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organisers.
- 7.** Towers may enter more than one band at the discretion of the organisers.
- 8.** The test piece shall be 240 changes of Doubles or Minor in any method, or 120 changes at the discretion of the organisers, steward and judges if the entry is large.
- 9.** Up to two minutes of trial ringing shall be allowed after which the bells must be set.
- 10.** Prior to starting the test piece two whole pulls on the treble shall be rung as a signal to the judges.
- 11.** A maximum of 20 whole pulls of rounds may be rung in the competitive ringing before going into changes and these rounds will not be judged. Any excess rounds at the start, the 240 (120) and the rounds at the end will be judged.
- 12.** Failure to complete the test piece shall result in penalty points being awarded.
- 13.** The competition shall be judged by one or two ringers who shall not know the order of ringing, and the decision of the judge(s) shall be final.
- 14.** The judges will satisfy themselves that ringing conditions are satisfactory.
- 15.** The difficulty of the method rung shall be taken into account in the event of a tie.
- 16.** Only one team shall be in the tower at a time.
- 17.** A steward, appointed by the organisers, may be in the ringing chamber to ensure observance of the Rules, to time the practice rounds for the competing teams and to communication with the judges as necessary.
- 18.** A draw for the order of ringing shall be held immediately before the start of the competition.
- 19.** Any challengers or disagreement over the interpretation of these Rules shall be dealt with by those members of the District Committee present at the time, and their majority decision shall be final. They may consult the judges if they think fit.
- 20.** The winning tower or united benefice shall be responsible for the engraving and safekeeping of the shield until the next competition.
- 21.** The highest placed tower shall represent the District in the County 6-bell Striking Competition. If no District competition is held or if the highest place tower is not able to compete, the District Committee may nominate a tower to represent it.