

The Essex Association of Change Ringers

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT **CALL CHANGE COMPETITION**

General

1. The competition shall take place at a tower within the District and shall be open to all ringers within the District.
2. The District Master, or a steward appointed by the Master, shall supervise the event. They shall be the only person with the ringers in the ringing room and shall check that the competition test piece is rung correctly in accordance with the rules.
3. The District Officers shall appoint one or two judges to assess the quality of the ringing, give comments and announce the results.
4. The Dickie Furminger Trophy shall be presented to the winning team and shall be held in safekeeping until the next competition. The winning team is to have this trophy suitably engraved.

Teams

5. Towers which came first or second in the district 6-bell method competition may only enter this Call Change competition if the band contains at least three ringers who were not in the bands placed 1st or 2nd in the 6-bell method competition for the current year.
6. A. A Band from a single Tower shall be allowed no more than two substitutes.
B. Towers with insufficient members may join with another tower and enter a joint team, (No Substitutes allowed)
C. A Bonafide Sunday service band, which ring regularly together for Services at the tower to which they are entering. (No Substitutes allowed)
7. A ringer may only ring in one team. If a team has no member able to conduct the ringing a non participating conductor may call the changes for them.

Practice

8. Two minutes of practice rounds and changes (not judged) shall be allowed after which the bells must be set.
9. Stopping the practice and restarting is allowed (e.g. to adjust ropes or use a box) - the steward will "stop the clock" at such points and will tell the team how much time remains of the two minutes before the team restarts. Ropes may also be adjusted and boxes changed at the end of the practice time.
10. Following the practice (including any final adjustments) the treble ringer should signal to the judges that the team is about to start the competition test piece by turning the treble over twice (not judged).

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11. The competition shall be rung on 6-bells with a covering tenor.
12.
 - A. Each band must ring for 5 minutes (including opening and closing rounds).
 - B. Opening Rounds shall last no longer than 30 seconds. (The steward will advise when this is up)
 - C. A minimum of two bells other than the treble shall be called to lead during the test piece.
 - D. Bands will be advised when 30 seconds remain, at this point and not before the bells should be called into Rounds.
 - E. The Master or steward will announce when 5 minutes has been rung.
13. At the end of the test piece, a team will not be penalised should any bell not be able to stand. However, in the event of two teams tying on faults/points then failure to stand the bells will be taken into account to achieve the final order of teams.
14. There are to be no re starts of the test piece allowed except for mechanical failure.
15. The District Master or their nominated steward shall give ruling concerning matters not covered by these rules, and any such decision shall be final.