

The Essex Association of Change Ringers

SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT CALL – CHANGE COMPETITION

1. To encourage less experienced bands, a Call-Change Competition shall take place annually at a tower within the District and shall be open to all towers within the District. Each band shall contain at least one ringer who has not rung a quarter peal on a working bell and no ringer may ring in more than one band.
2. The Competition Test Piece shall consist of 20 changes, not less than 10 changes of each row, giving a minimum of 200 changes and shall be rung with covering tenor. Bona-fide 5-bell towers may ring without a covering tenor. The Competition Test Piece shall be as follows:

12345
21345
23145
23415
23451
32451
34251
34521
34512
43512
45312
45132
45123
54123
51423
51243
51234
15234
12534
12354
12345

All changes including opening rounds must be rung a minimum of 10 times. Duration of closing rounds shall be at the discretion of the conductor but with a minimum of 2 changes.

3. Two minutes of practice ROUNDS shall be allowed after which the bells must be set. To signal the start of the Competition Test Piece the treble shall then be rung one whole pull and set. All subsequent changes including rounds will be judged.
4. Each team shall be allowed no more than one substitute nominated on the day by the District Officers.
5. Towers with insufficient members under Rule 1 and other than the provision in Rule 4 may join with another tower and enter a joint team.
6. The District Officers shall provide a steward within the belfry and two judges who will assess the quality of the ringing and announce, with comments, the result of the competition.
7. A trophy shall be presented to the winning team and shall be held in safe-keeping until the next competition. Provision shall be made for the trophy to be suitably engraved.
8. If necessary, ruling concerning matters not covered by these rules shall be given by the District Master or his nominee and any such decision shall be final.