



## Essex Association of Change Ringers

### SW District Call-Change Striking Competition Rules

#### General

1. All bands wishing to take part, are to notify the District Secretary of their intention to take part. Notification to arrive no later than one week before the set competition date.
2. All members of the bands entering, must have arrived before the published time of the draw.
3. One or two judges will be appointed by the District Master before the competition. The Judge(s) will recognise the ringing of the band only by their drawn number.
4. A steward will be present in the ringing chamber to look after the proceedings, and to inform the band when 20 seconds or a chosen time by the conductor, is left of the 5 minute practice time.
5. On completion of the competition and the results from the judge(s) have been given, the winning team will be presented with the District Trophy. The Trophy to be kept in safe keeping until the next competition. The winning team to have the Trophy suitably engraved.
6. On any issue not covered by the these rules, a ruling may be given by the District Master or their nominee, and this ruling is final.

#### Practice

7. Bands may have up to 5 minutes to practise before ringing their competition piece. Stops for rope adjustment or to use a box, are not included, and the clock will be stopped. Clock is restarted once the issue is resolved.
8. When a band is ready to ring their set piece, the ringer on the treble bell must ring two whole pulls, hand and back, then set the bell. This indicates to the judge(s) the band is ready to start their competition piece.

#### Competition Piece

9. Bands must ring Call-Changes on 6 bells, leaving the Tenor bell covering, for a total of 5 to 8 minutes, including the opening and closing rounds. **All ringing during this period is judged.** Should any bell at the end of the piece at rounds, not be able to stand immediately, the team will not be penalised.
10. The Call-Changes must include the following sequence of changes, which can appear in any order.  
**Queens (135246) Kings (531246) Tittums (142536) Back Rounds (543216)**

#### The Band

11. If a band, due to illness or other emergencies, are left short on the day, the band is allowed a maximum of two substitutes. The Master or other attending Officer will provide a substitute(s) from the assembled ringers.
12. A tower can enter a maximum of two teams. Up to two ringers can ring again for their tower in the second team, however they have to ring a different bell.
13. A band composed of ringers from more than one tower must enter under a joint name.