

W&DCRA

Inter-Branch Striking Competition Rules

24th February 2023

RULES OF THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS INTER-BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITIONS

1. Date

Inter-Branch striking competitions will be held annually on the first Saturday in October.

2. Venue

The venue for the competitions will be a tower nominated by one of the Branches in rotation.

3. Competitions

The Central Committee will decide which competitions will be held: six-bell, eight-bell, ten-bell, plus a competition for young members.

4. Branch Teams

Each Branch may enter one team in each competition. Team members must all be Ringing Members of the Branch.

5. Eligibility

Members of the six and eight-bell teams may ring in only one of these competitions. Ten-bell team members may also ring in either the six or eight-bell competition.

6. Young Members

Young members should be Ringing Members aged under 19 on the day of the competition to be eligible to ring in the Young Members' Competition. They may also ring in either the six or eight-bell competition, as well as a ten-bell competition. If required, an adult may call the changes or conduct the young members.

If there are insufficient young members to make up a Branch band, then names will be drawn from the young members attending to make up the required numbers.

7. Touches

The Association Master, in consultation with the Branch Masters will set the method and touch, or length of call changes, to be rung in each competition.

8. Judges

The Association Master is responsible for suggesting one or two judges for agreement by the Central Committee. Reasonable expenses incurred by the judge(s) will be reimbursed from the Association General Fund.

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9. Competition

- (i) Each team may have 5 minutes practice before starting their test piece.
- (ii) Two whole pulls on the treble will indicate that the team is ready to start their test piece.
- (iii) Rounds after the end of the test piece will contribute to the scoring, as will any bells sounding until all have set.
- (iv) Any band that does not complete a test piece will be disqualified.

10. Master of Ceremonies

The Association Master or, in the absence of the Master, another Association Officer will:

- (i) Hold a draw to determine the order of ringing, with the captains of each team;
- (ii) Appoint stewards to help with organisation of the ringing, teams and supporters;
- (iii) Ensure that there is suitable accommodation for the judges, so that they can hear the ringing well, are not disturbed, and are unable to identify competitors during their ringing.

11. Results

The results will be announced by the judge(s) after all competitions have been completed. The decisions of the judge(s) are final.

These rules, adopted at the Central Committee Meeting held on 24th February 2023, supersede all previous versions of the rules.