



KCACR County Youth Striking Competition Rules

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the competition is to encourage ringing between younger ringers in the KCACR. Usually the winning team will be involved in the organisation of the KCACR's entry to the Ringing World National Youth Competition. Note; you can only go forward to represent the county in the RWNYC if you Meet the eligibility criteria for the RWNYC on the date of the RWNYC.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** All team members must be aged under 25 on the day of the Contest. No ringer may ring in more than one team except if a team meets short due to illness or other circumstances, at which point a maximum of one ringer may be drafted in from another team.
3. **FORMAT:** Teams will ring 200 rows (100 whole pulls) of Call Changes. Calls must be made at least every 6 whole pulls, and at least four bells must be moved. A maximum of 20 whole pulls of rounds may be rung before the first call. The opening rounds, and any rows after the required 200 are completed, will not be judged. If the test piece is short, further faults will be incurred. The County Youth Trophy will be awarded to the team with the overall best performance.
4. **STARTING SIGNAL:** The signal for the start of the test piece shall be two whole pulls on the treble and second (i.e. 1212, 1212).
5. **GENERAL**

Entry is accepted at the discretion of the organisers and teams shall be bound by the rules of the Contest.

Each team will be allocated a time slot in the tower during which they may adjust ropes, ring their whole piece for practice, give the starting signal and then ring their test piece. Any team failing to complete their test piece within 20 minutes of starting their practice may incur additional faults.

Teams may choose to have a conductor (of any age) call their piece from outside the circle, if desired. Other non-contestants shall not be allowed in the tower except with the express permission of the Contest organisers. There shall be no coaching of teams in the tower by other non-contestants.

The County Youth Trophy remains the property of The Kent County Association of Change Ringers and must be returned on request.

The Judges' decision is final.