

# Rochester District Striking Competition Rules - From July 2024

## Rules for 6-bell method striking competition

1. Entry Criteria
  - a. Bands shall ring together regularly (including the KYR)
  - b. Individual ringers should be members of the Association or have been proposed for membership at the subsequent meeting
  - c. A tower may enter multiple bands, however, each ringer may not ring for more than one band (exceptions will be made for KYR members to ring together and also to represent their regular tower)
  - d. These entry criteria can be varied to meet special and unforeseen circumstances at the discretion of the District officers.
2. Draw
  - a. A draw, supervised by a District officer, will be made at the start
  - b. A representative of each band shall be present for the draw.
3. Practice Ringing
  - a. A maximum of 5 minutes will be allowed from the first pull off. This should include any preliminary practice ringing and rope adjustment. A steward will be present to advise on timings. This ringing will not be judged.
  - b. A signal of two whole pulls, i.e., 12121212, should be given to indicate to the judge(s) that the test piece will follow.
4. Test Piece
  - a. No visual aids are allowed, the ringing should be called from memory
  - b. The ringing should have open hand stroke leads or faults will be incurred
  - c. A band may ring a maximum of 20 whole pulls before going into changes. Judging will start after these or when the changes start, whichever is sooner.
  - d. The band should ring 240 changes of doubles or minor. This may be shortened to 120 changes if more bands enter than there is time available.
  - e. The ringing will not be judged after it comes into rounds (in the event of a tie, the standing at the end may be considered).
5. Judging
  - a. The ringing will be judged by competent judge(s), ideally from outside the District
  - b. The decision of the judge(s) on their given results shall be final
  - c. Any dispute or difficulty must be referred to the district officers before the end of the competition
6. Winners
  - a. The winners will normally be called upon to represent the Rochester District at the association 6-bell striking competition
  - b. The winners will be awarded a trophy, which they are then responsible for until the next competition.

## Rules for 6-bell call change striking competition

### 7. Entry Criteria

- a. Bands shall ring together regularly (including the KYR)
- b. Individual ringers should be members of the Association or have been proposed for membership at the subsequent meeting
- c. A tower may enter multiple bands, however, each ringer may not ring for more than one band (exceptions will be made for KYR members to ring together and also to represent their regular tower)
- d. These entry criteria can be varied to meet special and unforeseen circumstances at the discretion of the District officers.

### 8. Draw

- a. A draw, supervised by a District officer, will be made at the start
- b. A representative of each band shall be present for the draw.

### 9. Practice Ringing

- a. A maximum of 5 minutes will be allowed from the first pull off. This should include any preliminary practice ringing and rope adjustment. A steward will be present to advise on timings. This ringing will not be judged.
- b. A signal of two whole pulls, i.e., 12121212, should be given to indicate to the judge(s) that the test piece will follow.

### 10. Test Piece

- a. No visual aids are allowed, the ringing should be called from memory
- b. The ringing should have open hand stroke leads or faults will be incurred
- c. A band may ring a maximum of 12 whole pulls before the first call change. Judging will start after these or when the changes start, whichever is sooner.
- d. A non-ringing conductor is allowed
- e. Each team must ring call changes only
- f. All changes are to be made at handstroke
- g. The band ringing will be judged on the 120 rows following the first call or after the permitted 12 whole pulls (the steward can inform the conductor of the number of changes rung)
- h. Calls should be made at least every 5th handstroke during the test piece
- i. There should be at least 5 working bells.

### 11. Judging

- a. The ringing will be judged by competent judge(s), ideally from outside the District
- b. The decision of the judge(s) on their given results shall be final
- c. Any dispute or difficulty must be referred to the district officers before the end of the competition

### 12. Winners

- a. The winners will be awarded a trophy, which they are then responsible for until the next competition.