

Association 6-bell Striking Competition Rules (method ringing)

- 1) The competition will be open to one band from one tower in each District.
- 2) The tower to represent a District shall normally be that winning their District striking competition. If no District striking competition is held, or if the winning tower is not able to compete in the Association Competition, the District may nominate a tower to represent it.
- 3) The ringers taking part shall be members of The Kent County Association of Change Ringers and ring regularly at the tower they represent.
- 4) No ringer may represent more than one tower in the competition or take part in both the change ringing and call change competitions.
- 5) The test piece shall be 240 changes of Doubles or Minor in any method.
- 6) Up to 5 minutes of trial ringing shall be allowed and the bells shall then be set before the test piece is rung. Before commencing the test piece a signal shall be given to the judges of two whole pulls on 1-2.
- 7) A maximum of 20 whole pulls of rounds may be rung in the competitive ringing before going into changes, and these rounds will not be judged. Any excess rounds at the start, the 240 and the rounds at the end will be judged.
- 8) If the test piece fires out, the band may decide to withdraw, but they may if they wish start again. In that event, the faults incurred in the first attempt will be added to any which occur in the second attempt.
- 9) Two competent ringers, preferably not resident in Kent, shall be appointed as judges, and their decision shall be final.
- 10) Any question of doubt concerning the competition shall be settled by the Chairman of the Association or his appointed deputy.

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KCACR Association 6-bell Call-Change Competition Rules

- 1) The competition will be open to teams made up of ringers who are members of The Kent County Association of Change Ringers.
- 2) No ringer may represent more than one team in the competition. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, a ringer has to be drafted in from another participating team in order that another participating team is able to compete, the team that has requested that ringer will forfeit the right to win the contest.
- 3) The competition will be limited to 10 teams. Teams wishing to take part must submit a request by email to the Association Chairman (chair@kcacr.org.uk) no later than 2 weeks before the contest takes place.
- 4) In the event of more than 10 teams wishing to enter, places will be allocated by a draw. Entry will be confirmed 2 weeks before the contest.
- 5) The test piece will be ten minutes of rounds and call changes on six bells with at least five working bells to include the bells ringing in both the Kings and Tittums positions.
- 6) A steward will be responsible for timing the test piece and for indicating to the conductor when the bells may be set.
- 7) Up to 5 minutes of trial ringing will be allowed and the bells will then be set before the test piece is rung. Before commencing the test piece, a signal will be given to the judges of two whole pulls on 1-2.
- 8) The entire test piece shall be judged from the pull off to the bells being set. No faults will be incurred if any of the bells are not set.
- 9) Preferably two competent ringers not resident in Kent, will be appointed as judges, and their decision shall be final.
- 10) Any question of doubt concerning the competition will be settled by the Chairman of the Association or their appointed deputy.

These rules were agreed by the General Committee on 28th February 2026.

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