

CALL CHANGE COMPETITION RULES

1. The Competition may be held annually for Sunday Service Bands within the Lewisham District.
2. Each tower shall normally be 'in union' with the Association. However, at the discretion of the District Officers, new bands may be allowed to enter for the first time only without being in union.
3. No band shall have more than three people in it who have previously rung a peal.
4. A tower shall be allowed to enter any number of bands but no ringer may ring for more than one band. If a ringer rings for Sunday Service at more than one tower then the home tower takes precedence.
5. Any tower wishing to enter, finding itself short of one ringer, can notify the District Ringing Master or Deputy Ringing Master, who can supply the extra member. The extra member must not have already entered the Competition.
6. The conductor shall call the changes from memory. No visual aids will be allowed.
7. Each team must ring call changes. No method will be permitted.
8. Call changes are to be made, on average, every fifth handstroke with the change made at the following handstroke. Therefore, a minimum of 12 call changes must be made during the test piece.
9. Each team will be allowed two minutes practice rounds and call changes, (this will not be judged) standing the bells at the end of the rounds.
10. Each team will be judged on 120 rows, a handstroke and backstroke counting as two rows. A maximum of 12 whole pulls of rounds will be allowed for "settling down" before the start of the call changes. A steward in the tower will count the rows and inform the conductor when the required number has been reached. The conductor should then call 'stand' as soon as possible, having first - if necessary - brought the bells back into rounds. The opening rounds, up to 12 whole pulls, and the changes after 120 rows will not be judged. Failure to stand will not be faulted, but will be noted and taken into account in the event of a tie.
11. All ringing must be carried out with open handstroke leads. Faults will be awarded for closed handstroke leading.
12. The entry forms for the Competition must be received by the District Secretary by the date stated. Late entries will be accepted at the District Officers discretion.
13. The ringing will (ideally) be judged by 2 competent judges from outside the District.
14. Any dispute or difficulty should be referred to the District Officers before the end of the Competition.
15. If a tower enters and subsequently has to withdraw, their entry fee will not be refunded.
16. The names of those taking part (up to nine in all) must be given on the entry form.
17. A representative of each tower shall be available for the draw and the order adhered to, unless the band has a prior commitment for service ringing at their own church.