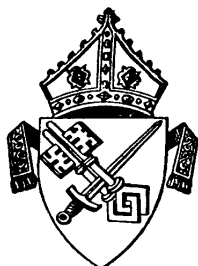


WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT



Striking League Rules

Aims

- **To improve striking in the Portsmouth District**
- **To involve more ringers in striking competitions**
- **To encourage ringers to visit other towers**

Rules

1. The league is a 6-bell competition and is open to those who ring regularly in the Portsmouth District of the Guild.
2. Each band will represent a Portsmouth District tower. There will be no limit on the total number of ringers that may represent a band during a season. At the discretion of the District Committee, a joint band, representing 2 Portsmouth District towers, may be allowed to enter.
3. An individual ringer may only be a member of 1 band. However, he or she may also act as a substitute for other bands on no more than 3 occasions during the season.
4. For each match, at least 5 members of that band must either be members of that tower's Sunday Service band or pay their W & P subscriptions through that tower.¹ The sixth member of the band may be a substitute but must still be a Sunday Service ringer in the Portsmouth District.
5. Each band will compete against the other bands in their group twice (home & away).
6. An outside judge is to be present at all competitions, as nominated by the league organiser. His/her decision is final on all matters of points' allocation. The home band Captain is to contact the judge 1 week before the match to confirm his/her availability.
7. If a band wishes to move a match, it is the responsibility of the band's Captain to rearrange it before the end of that year's competition. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the postponing band forfeiting the match and being awarded 0 points.

8. The order of ringing will be decided by the toss of a coin. The winner may elect to ring 1st or 2nd.
9. Each band may test/adjust ropes individually, within reason, and then ring practice rounds / changes for 2 minutes.
10. The treble bell shall then be rung to indicate that the band is about to commence the test piece.
11. The competition ringing will comprise 120 changes in any method or principle(s) of the band's own choice or at least 4 minutes of Call Changes (with all bells, except for the tenor, taking a turn at leading). All of the changes, except for the rounds before and after, will be judged.
12. Points will be awarded on the following scale: Win = 3 points, Draw = 2 points, Loss = 1 point & failure to present a band = 0 points (the other team taking the 3 points by default).
13. Band captains are to present the judge with a list of names for the ringers for that evening's competition, which will be forwarded to the league organiser.
14. The decision of the committee shall be final in any matter concerning the conduct of the competition and the interpretation of the rules.

¹ Narnia is excepted from these 2 conditions. However, anyone ringing for Narnia must be either a regular Sunday Service ringer at a Portsmouth District tower or pay their W & P Guild fees through a Portsmouth District tower.