

# Association 8-bell striking competition rules

27<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## The teams

1. Each Branch may enter a single team.
2. Teams can be drawn from across the Branch.
3. If a Benefice includes towers from more than one Branch, then whilst those bands might be able to enter competitions in any of the Branches in which they sit, each ringer may only represent one Branch.

NB: Some members are already associated with more than one tower, and their names are recorded in the database and printed in the report against all towers that they are formally associated with. Where Benefice Bands exist, some are already recorded against each of the Benefice towers in which they ring.

4. All participants must be paid up members of the Association and be members of a tower within the Branch they are representing, or be an unattached member within that Branch.

## The Practice

5. Three minutes of practice will be allowed per team from the commencement of practice to signalling the start of the test piece. This includes time to adjust ropes. If the Band are still ringing at 3 minutes, then the person timing the practice will call stand.

## The Test Piece

6. The signal to start the test piece will be two blows on the Treble.
7. The competition test piece will be 168 changes of Grandsire Triples with the following touch:

168 Grandsire Triples – PSPSPSPSPSPS  
Music count: 8x46, 8x74, 8x67, queens and tittums

  - a) Failure to complete the test piece will incur a whole fault for each missed change prior to 'That's all'.
8. Competition bands are required to ring at least 6 rounds (3 whole pulls) and less than 12 rounds (6 whole pulls) before and after the test piece, all rounds will be subject to marking.
  - a) If a band rings less or more than the required rounds at beginning or end, then this will incur a whole fault per row.
9. Failure to stand will not be penalised.