

RULES FOR SCARBOROUGH AND DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

The Rules for the Branch Striking Competition are based on the Rules for the Final of the Sunday Service Band Striking Competition, as shown in the YACR Annual Report 2005. Some local variations at Branch level are incorporated as we wish all towers to participate in this event.

- The competition is a six bell competition based on Sunday Services bands ringing Call Changes or Method.
- Bands entering the competition will consist of regular Sunday Service ringers of the tower represented. Should this not be possible, one visitor will be allowed to ring but a penalty will be awarded against any band that includes a visitor.
- All participants in the competition must be members of the Association.
- A positional draw will take place prior to the competition
- A ringer may ring for more than one tower provided that each tower in whose band he or she rings is one at which he or she rings regularly for Sunday Service.
- Up to two ringers may ring more than once for the same tower.
- A band that includes a visitor will incur a penalty of 15% additional faults.
- Call Changes. The test piece will consist of not less than 120 rows counting from the first call change. At least two different pairs of bells are required to change per minute. The changes should include 'Queens' and 'Titums'.
- Method Ringers are expected to ring Doubles or Minor. The test piece shall be a true touch of 120 changes.
- On entering the tower each member of the band may try his/her bell for length of rope for a few whole pulls. Bells should be tried individually and in order treble to tenor
- A practice piece must be rung and shall consist of up to three minutes ringing including the opening rounds after which the bells must be stood. After this time, the test piece will be rung after signalling to the judges that ringing is about to start. This is done by ringing 2 whole pulls on the treble.
- The test piece must be preceded by a period of rounds not exceeding one minute. Marking will commence at the first row out of rounds and continue for 120 rows. A timekeeper will be present in the ringing room and will provide time checks as requested by the band.
- The band with the least faults will be declared the winner, and the judge's decision on any matter of dispute shall be final.