North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers
Striking Competition Rules

Six Bell Contest

1. The competition is open to any Sunday service band within the Archdeaconry of Stoke-on-Trent.

2. The venue(s) will be decided each year by the committee.

3. A tower may enter more than one team. No person may ring for more than one team for the same tower.

4. Each team may include one visitor.

5. The order of ringing will be decided before the competition by any method the committee decides and a representative of each team will be notified.

6. The test piece will consist of 120 changes of method ringing (Minor or Doubles) or alternatively 120 rows of call changes, starting with the first change. Each team will have 15 minutes to complete both practice and test piece.

7. If call changes are rung, no bell shall be called to move more than one place at a time. The sequence of call changes must include at least 8 calls and must include Queens (135246).

8. The signal to the judge(s) to begin marking the test piece is the ringing of the treble bell for two whole pulls.

9. Any team failing to complete the test piece at the first attempt (for other than mechanical reasons) shall be eliminated from the competition.

10. The winning team will be presented with the Anderson Trophy. The Archdeacon Borrett Cup will be awarded by the committee for merit. Both trophies are to be retained for one year and then returned to the Honorary Secretary.

11. Scratch bands are allowed but are not entitled to win the shield. Scratch bands may be made up of individual ringers or be representative of a cluster of towers.

12. The Archdeacon Borrett Cup will be awarded for merit at the discretion of the Committee.

13. The decision of the judge(s) is final.