

COMPOSITE PROPOSAL 2014/03

OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF:

- A. TOWER GROUPS
- B. STRIKING COMPETITIONS

A. TOWER GROUPS

- A1. To encourage and recognise the formation of groups of towers as a formal entity with representation rights within the Branch and allow participation as a group in Guild Striking Competitions.
- A2. Individual Towers may request membership of a particular group which must be in a Cluster i.e. geographically joined together. Tower Groups may have a limitation on maximum size.

IMPLEMENTATION: Effective from 1 January 2015. The formation and identification of the Groups to be determined jointly by the relevant Branch Committee and Tower leaders. Further guidance will be issued on the criteria for the setting up and registration of each group.

B. STRIKING COMPETITIONS

- B1. Striking Competitions to be made more inclusive and open for all members to participate. Each member may ring in only one team. In the 6 bell each Tower or Tower Group may enter two teams. In the 8 bell each Branch may enter 2 teams.
- B2. Branch 6 and 8 bell competitions to have formats determined by the local Branch Committee to attract a high level of interest.
- B3. Guild 6 Bell Striking Competition to be in two unrelated groups:
 - 1. The Cup: Test piece to be a specified method and length as determined each year by the Guild Committee. Teams from any Tower or Tower Group may enter.
 - 2. The Plate: Test piece to be a set number of changes / rows of Doubles, Plain Hunt or Call Changes. Teams from any Tower or Tower Group may enter.
- B4. Guild 8 Bell Striking Competition to have a test piece determined by the Guild Committee. Two teams from each Branch may enter. Each Branch to determine its own method of team selection.

IMPLEMENTATION: Effective from 1 January 2015. An updated set of rules for each competition will be issued by the end of 2014.