

# **Doncaster and District Society of Change Ringers**

## **David Nichols Memorial Novice Striking Competition**

Aim: To be a novice friendly competition and to encourage developing bands and ringer.

1. The competition shall take place on six or eight bells.
2. Each team must have at least two Society members. Teams may represent one tower or may be drawn up from several towers to form a scratch team.
3. No ringer should ring for more than one team (unless there is a shortage of experienced ringers to help out novice bands).
4. The team must contain at least 2 or 3 novice ringers – Defined as they haven't rang a quarter peal inside.
5. A draw shall take place before the competition to determine the order of ringing.
6. Each team shall have a 2 minute practice followed by about 5 minutes of call changes or 240 changes (only the first 5 minutes will be judged). Before the test piece begins the treble shall be ring 2 whole pulls.
7. The competition shall be decided by a single judge who may request the assistance of a time-keeper.
8. Any band failing to ring the required number of changes or length of time will incur a penalty at the judge's discretion.
9. The winning team shall be presented with the David Nichols Memorial Ringing Shield and shall not become the absolute property of said team. The trophy shall be returned to the Secretary after being held for one year. Ample security and safe custody shall be given.
10. The society committee reserves the right to alter or amend any of the above rules.