

# **LONDON TWELVE BELL STRIKING COMPETITION: RULES AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE MAY 13<sup>th</sup> 2012**

## **Objective**

- 1 The objective of the London Twelve Bell Striking Competition is to promote excellent ringing on twelve bells within the Greater London area. The Competition shall be held annually, and the winning band shall be awarded the Whitechapel Trophy.

## **Constitution**

- 2a The competition shall be administered by a committee, which is responsible for the planning and organisation of the contest. The Committee shall be convened at least twice annually to administer the competition.
- 2b The competition will normally take place on the 4th Saturday of October, annually.
- 3 Each eligible centre of ringing shall be entitled to appoint one representative to the committee. A centre may change its representative at any time by giving notice in writing to the secretary. Each member of the committee shall have one vote.
- 4 A chairman shall be elected annually and shall be eligible for re-election. The chairman shall be a committee member.
- 5 The committee shall appoint a secretary, and a web-master, both of whom shall be members of the committee and entitled to vote at committee meetings.

## **Role and duties of the committee**

- 6 The committee shall decide the venue and the test piece for each competition.
- 7 The committee shall appoint the chief judge each year and in consultation with the chief judge shall appoint two further judges to be used that year. The Judges' decisions at any stage of the competition are final.
- 8 The committee shall approve the accounts annually, and shall determine the annual entry fee. The operating budget shall make provision for the cost of engraving and insurance of the Whitechapel Trophy and for necessary administrative expenses.

- 9 The committee shall be responsible for the maintenance and safekeeping of an archive of the competition.
- 10 The committee shall have the power to vary these rules only by a decision of a majority of those eligible to vote at a committee meeting.

### **Entry qualifications**

- 11 Applications shall be invited from centres within Greater London at which twelve bell ringing is organised and practised.
- 12 Each member of a team must, at the time that entries are submitted, have current and regular association with the centre they represent.
- 13 A confirmed band list must be provided to nominated stewards two weeks before the competition, with amendments due to extreme circumstances to be permitted e.g. illness.

A ringer may ring for 2 bands but not for the same society.

No more than 50% of ringers in any band may ring wholly for another band. No person ringing in more than one band shall ring the same bell for the second band. Societies may enter two bands but only if the limit of 10 bands has not been reached. If the limit has been reached no society may enter more than one band. Places for additional bands will be awarded by ballot.

### **Procedures and guidance**

- 14 The committee will publish detailed procedures and guidance on the administration of the competition, and will make these available to each team. These will specify arrangements for draws at competition venues, timing, stewarding, and emergency procedures.