

ORCHARD CUP RULES

1. The competition shall take place in October, alternately in the Central Bucks and Chiltern Branches.
2. The competition is open to all towers within these branches.
3. All Competitors shall be **paid up members** of the Oxford Diocesan Guild
4. The team shall consist of at least **four** members of the tower they represent plus **two** other members of the Branch to which the tower belongs if required.
'Member of the tower' to be defined as regular practice or service ringer.
5. 'Scratch teams' may take part, but cannot be awarded the cup.
6. Any individual can ring for no more than **two** competitive teams (therefore this does not include scratch teams).
7. Two minutes practice will be allowed before the test piece, after which two whole pulls will be rung on the treble to signify to the judges that the test piece is about to begin.
8. The test piece shall commence with 1 minute of rounds followed by 120 changes of a method or 5 minutes of called changes.
Call change teams:
At least 10 changes must be called
There is no need for all the bells to be brought down to lead
Ringing must finish in rounds.
9. The judge(s) shall be appointed by the Branch hosting the competition and his/her/their decision will be final.

Less experienced teams may, on request, be able to have a few minutes practice before the formal competition commences.