



Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

Guild 6 bell raising and lowering competition

Participants

- Those taking part must be resident Guild members
- Entries can be tower bands, branch bands or from other bands who regularly ring together within the Guild
- More than one band from each branch is allowed but any individual should not be ringing in more than two bands

Competition rules

- A single bell should be sounded 2 times before commencement of the raise to alert the judges the band is about to start
- The type of start is at the band's discretion e.g. progressive (i.e. 1, 12, 123, etc) or starting together
- Once the bells are raised, all bells must stand
- A whole pull on one of the bells should be sounded to alert the judges the lower is about to commence. The lower can commence as soon as the band is ready, but not more than 3 minutes after the bells have been stood from the raise
- The finish should be a miss and then catch in rounds
- The start of the raise to the completion of the lower must be within 15 minutes
- All rung rows are marked
- There is no practice opportunity before commencing the judged raise
- Ways of identifying faults and method of marking is at the discretion of the judges
- Judges can be from the Guild but they should not be aware of bands or members in each band until after the results are announced