



## LONDON 12 BELL COMPETITION SOCIETY

### **REVISED RULES AS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE on 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**

#### **Objective**

1. The objective of the London Twelve Bell Striking Competition is to promote excellent ringing on twelve bells in Greater London, defined as the area within the boundaries of the M25 motorway. The Competition shall be held annually, normally on the fourth Saturday in October. The winning band shall be awarded the Whitechapel Trophy.

#### **Constitution**

2. The Competition shall be administered by a Committee, which shall be responsible for its planning and organisation. The Committee shall be convened at least twice 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 to the Secretary. Each member of the Committee shall have one vote;
4. The Committee shall annually elect from its number a Chairman, who shall be eligible for re-election;
5. The Committee shall annually elect a Secretary and a Webmaster, both of whom shall be ex officio members of the Committee and entitled to vote at Committee meetings.

#### **Role and Duties of the Committee**

6. The Committee shall decide the venue, entry fee and test piece for each Competition;
7. The Committee shall appoint the Chief Judge each year and, in consultation with the Chief Judge, shall appoint Assistant Judge(s) as necessary. The Judges' decisions at any stage of the Competition are final. Any reasonable Judges' expenses shall be reimbursed from the Competition's funds;
8. The Committee shall approve the accounts annually;
9. The Committee shall maintain and keep safe an archive of the Competition;

10. The Committee shall have the power to amend these Rules by a decision of a majority of those present and eligible to vote at a Committee meeting. Notice of proposed changes to the Rules shall be sent to the Secretary in writing in time for one month's notice to be given to members of the Committee;
11. The Committee shall have the power to agree temporary exceptions to the Rules when a majority of members consider this to be justified. In an emergency (e.g, during a Competition) the Chairman and/or Secretary may agree exceptions which are within the spirit of the Competition.

### **Entry Qualifications**

12. Applications shall be invited from centres within Greater London at which twelve bell ringing is organised and practised. A maximum of ten bands may enter each Competition. Centres may enter two teams but only if the limit of ten teams is not thereby exceeded. If necessary, places for additional teams will be allocated by ballot;
13. Each member of a team must have a current and regular association with the centre they represent;
14. A confirmed band list for each team must be provided to the Secretary in writing before the draw at each Competition;
15. A ringer may ring for two teams but they may not both represent the same centre;
16. No more than six of the ringers in any team may ring wholly for another team. No person ringing in more than one team shall ring the same bell for both teams.

### **Procedures and Guidance**

17. The Committee shall publish detailed procedures and guidance on the administration of each Competition and will make these available to each team. These will include arrangements for practices, the draw, catering, timing, stewarding, results, emergency procedures etc.