



**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN
GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

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2026 Inter-Tower 8 Bell Competition Rules & Information

Date: Saturday 19th September 2026
Location: St Peter, Petersfield. GU32 3HS (15^{1/2} cwt)
Starting time: 10.00 meet for 10.30 start.

Results: Will be given at the end of the competition.

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Closing date for entries: Sunday 13th September 2026.

Draw: The draw will be held at the start of the competition. Bands with any legitimate time constraints please advise with your entry.

Rules:

- 1 All ringers in each team must be regular members of the band(s) that is (are) entering the team and must be Guild members.
- 2 Bands may enter two teams provided that the total number of entries is not excessive. Up to three ringers may ring in both teams from the same tower if there are insufficient members.
- 3 Two bands may enter a joint team.
- 4 Each team may have four minutes ringing in which to prepare for the test piece. The treble bell shall then be rung several times to indicate that the team is about to start the test piece.
- 5 The competition ringing will comprise either:
 - a
 - 224 changes in any Triples or Major method(s) of the team's own choice. All of the changes (but not the rounds before or after) will be judged.
 - b
 - Call changes. The team may choose the changes to be rung but at minimum the treble, 3rd 5th and 7th must be called to lead. The opening rounds and the stand will not be judged. Teams must ring for at least seven minutes after the first change is called.
- 6 The decision of the Committee shall be final in any matter concerning the conduct of the competition and the interpretation of these rules.