

Call Changes

In the following table, the order of bells (descending scale 123456) is changed by calling bells into new positions. Usually we call the bell moving back in sequence (“calling up”), but it is not only the bell called that has to change.

In the first call, “2 to 3”, the 2nd bell is told to follow the 3rd. This means that the 3rd bell also has to change position, and follow the bell the 2 was following. The 4th bell does not change position, but is now following 2, not 3. In the table, the call is what is said, and (implies) is what ringers work out for themselves. The next line shows the effect of the call and its implications.

So, the 2nd call “4 to 5” makes 4 follow 5. 5 has to follow the bell 4 was following before (which is 2, after the first call!). Bell 6 does not change position, but now follows 4 instead of 5.

When you are ringing, you have to know which bell you are following (ringing after), AND the bell they are following at any time! A call which includes your number, or the number of the bell you are following, will mean you change.

I have deleted some of the implications, and then some of the calls, to let you work them out!

Order of bells	Name of sequence	Call	(implies)
123456	“rounds”	2 to 3 = 2 follow 3	3 - 1, 4 - 2
132456		4 to 5	5 - 2, 6 - 4
132546		2 to 5	5 - 3, 4 - 2
135246	Queens	2 to 4	4 - 5, 6 - 2
135426		5 to 4	4 - 3, 2 - 5
134526		3 to 4	4 - 1, 5 - 3
143526		3 to 5	5 - 4, 2 - 3
145326		3 to 2	2 - 5, 6 - 3
145236	Tittums	5 to 2	2 - 4, 3 - 5
142536		4 to 2	2 - 1, 5 - 4
124536		5 to 3	3 - 4, 6 - 5
124356		4 to 3 / or rounds	3 - 2, 5 - 4
123456	Rounds again.		