Replacing the Central Council Decisions

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Five Areas

1. Recap of our mandate

How we applied the mandate's elements:

2. Permissive

3. Simple

4. Maintain historical continuity

5. Responsibility of the Executive

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1. Mandate

- Replace the CC Decisions with a **descriptive** framework that is **permissive** and **simple**, and which **maintains historical continuity**

- The publication and maintenance of the framework will be **the responsibility of the Executive**

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2. Permissive

- Increasing permissiveness is the continuation of a process that's already well under way

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2. Permissive (cont.)

1. Norms and disclosure approach to performances

2. More than one cover bell recognized

3. Side by side ringing recognized

4. No limits on the number of consecutive blows in the same place

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2. Permissive (cont.)

5. A method can have a single lead in its plain course

6. Rotations of methods can be separately named

7. Dynamic methods recognized

8. Identity change recognized

9. Jump changes recognized

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3. Simple

- Single definition of truth for all stages and all lengths:
    - A true touch comprises zero or more extents, and zero or one partial extent
    - These rows can occur in any order in the touch

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3. Simple (cont.)

- Unified treatment of cover bells:

  - If a bell rings in the same place in every row, it's *excluded* when determining truth

  - Otherwise it's *included* when determining truth

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3. Simple (cont.)

- Standard performance lengths for all stages:

  - Quarter peal: 1250 – 2499 changes

  - Half peal: 2500 – 4999 changes

  - Peal: 5000 or more changes

  - Long length: 10000 or more changes

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3. Simple (cont.)

- Single set of requirements for naming a new method:

    - Ring the method in a performance of at least 1250 changes; or

    - Ring an extent of the method

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3. Simple (cont.)

- All terms used in the framework are defined

- Examples and explanations included throughout the framework

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4. Historical continuity

- Framework will not change anything for the vast majority of ringers …

- … unless they'd like to take advantage of any of its new features

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4. Historical continuity (cont.)

- One question on method classification:

Method title	=	Method name	+	Classification	+	Stage
		Plain		Bob		Minor
		Cambridge		Surprise		Major
		Stedman				Caters
		Tenpo		Differential Little Surprise		Maximus

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4. Historical continuity (cont.)

- Option 4A – classifications mostly unchanged

- Option 4B – some simplifications to make classifications more tightly defined and easier to understand …

- … but this means the method titles of 2-3% of the 21,000 methods in the library will change

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5. Responsibility of the Executive

- Much time spent in full Central Council meetings over the past 125 years discussing the Decisions

- Reports that members often weren't fully clear on what they were voting on

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5. Responsibility of the Executive (cont.)

- Better approach to delegate responsibility to a technical group via the Executive to maintain the framework going forward

- Council members then oversee this process at a higher level, rather than voting on every change

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Wrap up

- No free lunch – some may want to ask more questions before agreeing to take part in a peal

- Permissive approach more open to abuse. But current Decisions can be abused and ringers don't – they can be trusted to self-police

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Wrap up (cont.)

- No one framework solution will achieve anywhere near unanimous support

- But we think the new framework we've drafted is on the right track, and it will be improved by the consultation

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Consultation

- A consultation on the new framework with the ringing community is under way:

- cccbr.github.io/method_ringing_framework

- Section 16: Consultation

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Thank you

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