



Handbell Musicians
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Handbell Musicians of America

Handbell Notation Dice

Instructions: Once the dice are taped or pasted together you can begin play.

Individuals: If you are on your own and would like to improve your recognition of these common handbell notations then simply roll the dice and call out what you see. If you have handbells on hand then play what you see. No handbells? Then pretend with spoons/salad bottles/ or your favorite handbell stand-in. The options are open to your imagination.

Pairs and teams: may compete in a similar fashion to see who gets the most correct in a set period of time calling out what the roll of the dice show them. Teams can also take turns rolling the dice and then demonstrating what they see for points. If you have a game board around then make each correct answer a move on the board until they get to home. The varieties once again are open to your imagination.

Single Guild Logo roll: Notation of your choice.

Double Guild Logo roll: All Notations on the dice must be called out or demonstrated.

Car Dice: Handbell Notation Dice are NOT recommended for hanging from the rearview mirror of your car as they may impede your vision and cause handbell related accidentals.



Bold New Initiatives to Move the Guild into the Future

The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers' president, John Pfeiffer's keynote address at National Seminar 2009 indicated the need for AGEHR to move in a bold, new direction. During the next year, our National Board utilizing input and ideas gathered from all levels of AGEHR membership focused on creating a plan to achieve that move. Then the following year at Pinnacle 2010 the Board announced major changes which have served to transform the face of the Guild and become the catalyst for handbell musicians to build "a lifetime of ringing." As a result, the Guild is investing in the future of our organization by concentrating on three areas.

First was a **COMPLETE OVERHAUL OF TECHNOLOGY**, which is bringing our handbell community together in exciting new ways. A software solution has already been implemented and is undergoing customization to serve the unique needs of our membership. Completion of this phase of the plan was *scheduled for June 2011*.



Second was a **MAJOR REBRANDING** effort. This rebranding has been designed to guide us towards our goal of claiming our rightful place in the music world. A big part of new initiatives being undertaken by the Guild is to recognize ourselves as musicians and to be taken seriously by the music world. And the name of the organization will reflect that attitude. As of *October 1, 2011*, we are known as the...

HANDBELL MUSICIANS OF AMERICA
(for short: **THE GUILD**).

Third will be a **NEW MEMBERSHIP FEATURES** which includes the introduction of faith-based, educational and community emphases from which members can choose to get expanded content specific to their needs. *The basic membership benefits that all members currently receive will remain the same.* However, these new features will expand our benefits to include optional access to robust and interest-based resources. The target date for the introduction of this phase is *October 1, 2012*.

For these changes to be successful, we need YOU to be part of the process.

You can become involved in several ways:

- **Follow our progress** as we implement each phase at www.handbellmusicians.org.
- While visiting handbellmusicians.org, **download the "I'm On Board"** form and tell us how you want to be involved.
- **Give us your feedback.** Tell us what resources and tools we can provide that will add value to your membership.
- By making a contribution to the **New Initiatives Campaign**, invest in our future.

More details available www.handbellmusicians.org

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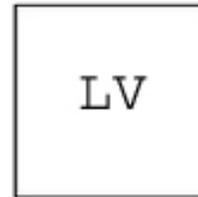
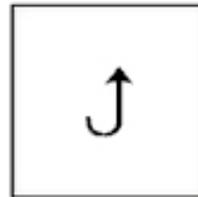
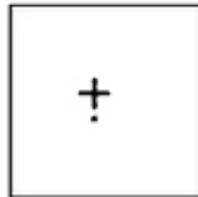
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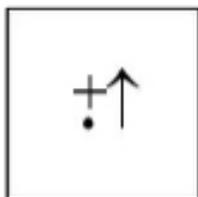


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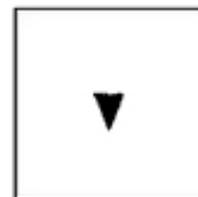
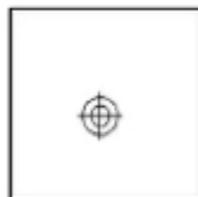
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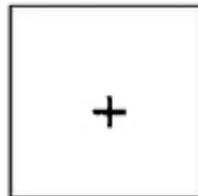


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