

VILLAGE RINGERS

Member Contract

I, _____, am auditioning for a position in the *Village Ringers* handbell ensemble.

Please initial each item below to indicate your agreement to the following membership rules as set forth by the *Village Ringers, Inc. By-Laws, Section 5*:

- _____ 1. Members will be selected by an impartial judge(s), along with a majority vote of the handbell ringer members of the Board, based on auditions, which will be held at least once per year. Board decisions on membership are final and not subject to any appeal authority.
- _____ 2. Membership is open to all qualified handbell ringers. All prospective members are required to audition annually for membership.
- _____ 3. Members are to be Villages Residents however, up to five (5) members may be non-residents. You must be able to faithfully attend rehearsals currently being held each Monday at New Covenant United Methodist Church, from 1:00-3:00 pm. Our winter/Christmas “segment” is from the last Monday in August through the 2nd week in December. The spring “segment” is from the first Monday in January through the 2nd or 3rd week in April.
- _____ 4. Persons will be admitted to membership if they meet the criteria established by the Music Director and/or Executive Committee. Failure to continue to demonstrate an adequate skill level shall be grounds for dismissal. New members will be accepted after auditions are held each spring (dates to be determined) or when positions become available.
- _____ 5. The Secretary of Village Ringers will keep a record of attendance. Attendance for all rehearsals and performances is mandatory unless prior agreement has been approved by the Music Director. Excessive absences during the season will be grounds for dismissal. The Music Director must be notified of anticipated absences. Substitutes for performances or rehearsals may be made at the discretion of the Music Director and/or Board.
- _____ 6. All members are expected to arrive early to rehearsals and performances in order to assist in setup and to be in position to ring at the scheduled start time. Excessive tardiness shall be grounds for dismissal.

