

Wedding Sword Drill

For weddings, the sword is to be worn in the hooked-up position. See right.

The hilt of the sword is the guard in front of the knuckles.

The side billet (offshoot from the belt) is placed in front of the scabbard, twisting around to fix to the upper ring.

The rear billet fixes directly onto the lower ring of the scabbard.

The scabbard is held in place with the thumb, with fingers extended out.



Guard of Honour

The guard is to be formed up in 2 ranks either side of the doorway, with swords drawn. If there is an odd number, stagger your positions – except for the final two.

As the bride and groom approach, the order: “**ARCH SWORDS**” is to be given.

Swords are to be raised in **one smooth movement**, the arm is to be **straight**, the tips of the swords just crossing at an angle of approximately 45 degrees.

The **wrist** of the arm turns to the **left** allowing the hilt of the sword (and your knuckles) to face the right (with your thumb to the left).

As the bride and groom approach the final pair, their swords drop from 45 degrees vertically upright, to 45 degrees vertically downwards, forming an “X” cross.

The bride and groom kiss, at which point the final pair’s swords return vertically upright at 45 degrees.



Once the bride and groom are clear of the guard of honour, the order: “**CARRY SWORDS**” is to be given, followed by the order: “**RETURN SWORDS**”.

Swords are then sheathed.