Best man rings: how to keep and hand over the wedding rings

Confirm early whether you are holding the rings. Collect them on the morning from whoever has them, keep both in a secure inside jacket pocket or a small pouch, check them before you leave and before you walk in, then step forward when the celebrant or registrar asks and hand them over. Agree the exact cue at the rehearsal.

Checklist

- [ ] Night before: Confirm who has them and where they sleep. Do not leave this to a morning scramble.
- [ ] Morning of: Collect both rings once the groom is dressed, or earlier if that is safer. Count them aloud.
- [ ] Before you leave: Pocket check. Phone, wallet, cue cards, rings.
- [ ] At the venue: One more quiet check before you walk down or take your place.
- [ ] Both rings together in one place.
- [ ] Nothing sharp or loose in the same pocket.
- [ ] If the jacket comes off for photos, the rings stay on your person or go to a named backup for that window only.
- [ ] Empty pocket panic: Stay still. Check the pouch, the other inside pocket, then quietly ask the groom or an usher you briefed. Do not announce it to the room.
- [ ] Only one ring: Proceed with what you have if the couple and celebrant agree; many couples still complete the vows and sort the second ring after.
- [ ] You are not holding them: Know who is. Your job becomes making sure that person is in place on time.

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