

Sword

Teams

Equipment	4 bending poles (poles 1-4), 1 sword, 4 sword rings, elastic bands.
Position of the Equipment	1 sword ring is attached, by means of an elastic band, to each of poles 1-4. All sword rings must be attached equally firmly. The rings should be positioned so that the ring bar is behind the pole (i.e. facing the changeover end) on poles 1 & 2 and in front of the pole (i.e. facing the start/finish end) on poles 3 & 4). Rider 1 starts carrying the sword.
Position of the Riders	Riders 1 and 3 will be at the Start/Finish end. Riders 2 and 4 will be at the changeover end.
The Game	Rider 1, carrying the sword by the handle, lances a ring from a pole and rides to the changeover end where he/she hands the sword to Rider 2 by the handle. Riders 2, 3, and 4 complete the course in the same way. If a ring falls to the ground the rider may retrieve it holding the rings and sword in any way he/she pleases, mounted or dismounted. However, when crossing the Start/Finish or changeover line, the rider must be mounted, holding the handle of the sword with the rings free around the blade of the sword untouched. Poles knocked down are not an infringement in this race. All handovers must be made hand to hand by the handle.

Pairs

Equipment	4 bending poles (poles 1-4), 1 sword, 4 sword rings, elastic bands.
Position of the Equipment	1 sword ring is attached to each of poles 1-4 by means of an elastic band. All sword rings must be attached equally firmly. The rings should be positioned so that the ring bar is behind the pole (i.e. facing the changeover end) on poles 1 & 2 and in front of the pole (i.e. facing the start line) on poles 3 & 4. Rider 1 starts carrying the sword.
Position of the Riders	Rider 1 is at the Start/Finish end. Rider 2 is at the changeover end.
The Game	Rider 1, carrying the sword by the handle, lances two rings from any two poles and rides to the changeover end where he/she hands the sword to Rider 2 by the handle. Rider 2 collects the remaining two rings and crosses the finish line. If a ring falls to the ground the rider may retrieve it holding the rings and sword in any way he/she pleases, mounted or dismounted. However, when crossing the Start/Finish or changeover line, the rider must be mounted, holding the handle of the sword with the rings free and untouched around the blade of the sword. Poles knocked down are not an infringement in this race. The handover of the sword must be made from hand to hand by the handle.

