



Welcome and thank you for choosing **DJs On The Go** as your entertainment choice.

We have written this guide to help plan your wedding ceremony and reception. This is a guide to assist with the wedding planner information sheet for deciding how you want your wedding reception to flow. A wedding reception is full of traditions and your own personality, which makes it unique in its own special way.

CEREMONY

This is the most beautiful and delicate time of the day. It is the moment when the entire family is watching your one moment in life that you and your husband say “I Do” for the first and last time. In order to make your day unique compared to tradition you can try including a candle lighting ceremony, sand ceremony, hand fasting, and much more. Each have their own twist that you will have to choose which suits you and your spouse best.

Seating arrangements can be a simple decision or a difficult one depending on the guests. It is always nice to have ushers to guide the guests to their seating to deviate from any time loss with guests wondering, but it is not required. In fact, if you don’t have a lot of family to escort it is best to not have arranged seating outside whom you choose to sit in the front row.

Bridal Party is the most important group of family or friends that you hold dear to your heart. They are the few you picked to be most important to you and your spouse in that period of your lives. They will be those that celebrate and are most reliable in times of need. Treat them with respect and give thanks. They will take care of you up to your big day, during, and after.

Processional music is the intro music you will walk down the aisle to meet your groom. You can have either traditional music and/or fun upbeat as more modern weddings are starting to trend. It is always a good idea to incorporate what speaks volumes of who you two are as a couple.

Special music is background music lightly played during either candle lighting, sand ceremony, etc. It is to give your guests a focal element while you as a couple perform your special ceremony. It is an ambient music if you will.

Recessional is music that you and your newly marital spouse will be coming back down the aisle too. This I would suggest be more upbeat and fun, but again, should reflect you as a couple. The music should be something that says what you two feel about your union, and your excitement about your future together.

Bridal party exit is where some bridal parties want their own exit song, but in my professional opinion, it should finish with the recessional song.

Dismissal. The officiate will give the dismissal by announcing and inviting everyone to the reception. They will also give needed instructions to guests.

Ceremony is usually only a 30-minute process. It does not take much time even with the extra additional services adding in. Take this in mind when you are making your wedding event timeline.

RECEPTION

There must be an introduction. Everyone is usually traditional about the grand entrance, but it is becoming popular to make this a grand event. The traditional entrance is just playing a song and introducing the bride, groom, and the wedding party as they enter into the reception hall; but a new generation is now making a production out of the entrance by performing a choreographed routine that includes the wedding party, while focusing on the newlyweds. If you are interested in doing something like this then please do let us know! We have professional dancers that can help choreograph any type of dance you and your spouse desire!

After the introduction, it is time for dinner. Music is an important part of dinner. This is when guests can sit and listen to music while conversing with family and friends. A variety of music is the key to this time, because at most wedding receptions you have a mix of generations and backgrounds among your family and friends; but not everybody is going to like one particular type of music. Keeping the tempo upbeat, but diverse will prevent your guests from losing interest that can prevent participation later in the evening.

During or after dinner is a great time to also have a slide show presentation, this will allow your guests an opportunity to see the memories that have guided you to this big day. After dinner, it is a great time to walk around the room and visit with your guests. Everyone will want to visit with you and this allows you one on one time with your loved ones.

Next, we start all the traditional events that happen at almost every wedding reception. There is not a precise order for any of these events. This guide will give you the most popular order of events used in successful receptions.

The toast. A very traditional wedding reception have limited this toast to the best man, but has really expanded to your maid of honor, parents and friends that have a special place in your heart. In some cases, the DJ will pass the microphone around and invite guest to give a spontaneous toast or words of wisdom.

Cake cutting. Years ago, the cake ceremony was a tradition celebrated without music, but has currently evolved to where most couples pick a song to compliment this ceremony. This song played in the background as you cut the cake. It lightens the mood and encourages pictures.

First dance. A song that is recognized as your anthem as a couple. The same goes with the father/daughter dance; a special song, your father and you have shared, or tells of the relationship you have together. The same applied with the mother/son dance that follows. There are many song suggestions available if you do not have a special song picked already. Included, please find a small sample list of the most popular songs.

Bridal party dance. A time to celebrate with those in your wedding party. This should be a fun song that your entire wedding party can dance to on the dance floor. This dance is going to set the atmosphere for the fun parts of the traditional events of your wedding reception. This is also a great time to have a dance routine to entertain your crowd if you both choose to have.

Bouquet/Garter Toss. Two fun events and usually enjoyed by all who participate. Other optional events that can be included are the dollar dance/money dance, anniversary dance, and any special announcement or acknowledgments to someone (i.e. Birthday, anniversary, promotion). There are also fun games you can include like the "shoe game."

Below you will find the information in an outline form.

Introduction

Prayer

Dinner

Toast

Cake Cutting

First Dance

Father/Daughter Dance

Mother/Son Dance

Bridal Party Dance

Bouquet and Garter Toss

Anniversary Dance

Dollar Dance

Wedding Games

Open Dance Floor

CEREMONY

Processional

Cannon in D major/Midsummer Night's Dream (traditional music)

Recessional

Wedding March (from A Midsummer's Night Dream's)

RECEPTION

Introduction Songs

Let it rock – Kevin Rudolf

Forever – Chris Brown

Sirius (Chicago Bull's Theme) – Alan Parson Project

Yeah! – Usher

Cotton Eye Joe – Rednex

Feel so close – Calvin Harris

Signed Sealed Delivered –

Train Kept Rollin – Aerosmith

Cake Cutting Songs

Cut the Cake – Average White Band

Eat It – Weird Al Yankovic

How Sweet It Is To Be (Loved by You) – James Taylor

Grow Old with You – Adam Sandler

Sugar - Maroon 5

L-o-v-e – Nat King Cole

Everything – Michael Buble

First Dance Songs

Never Stop – Safety Suit

Head over boots - Jon Pardi

Who I am with you – Chris Young

I won't give up – Jason Mraz

Thinking Out Loud – Ed Sheeran

I need you – Tim McGraw & Faith Hill

I'll be – Edwin McCain

Father/Daughter Songs

I Loved Her First – Heartland

My Girl – Temptations

Butterfly Kisses – Bob Carlisle

Dance with My Father – Luther Vandross

My little Girl – Tim McGraw

Daughters – John Mayer

What a wonderful world – Louis Armstrong

Mother/Son Dance

A Song For Mama – Boyz II Men
In My Life – The Beatles
I Hope You Dance – Lee Ann Womack
What A Wonderful World – Louis Armstrong
My Wish – Rascal Flats

Bouquet Toss Songs

Single Ladies – Beyonce
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun – Cyndi Lauper
Ladies Night – Kool & the Gang
Chapel Of Love – Dixie Cup

Garter Toss Songs

Another One Bites the Dust – Queen
I'm Too Sexy – Right Said Fred
Sharped Dress Man – ZZ Top
You Can Leave Your Hat On – Joe Cocker or Tom Jones
Gold Digger – Kanye West
Booty – Jenifer Lopez

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