

Dallas Fort Worth DJs "Mobile Disc Jockey Services"

SAMPLE Wedding Ceremony/Reception Flow Sheet

Ceremony (custom or traditional)

Processional
Parents Entrance
Bridal Party Entrance
Bride Entrance
Unity Candle (optional)
Recessional

Reception

Bride and Groom introduction: (Mr. & Mrs.)
First Dance:
Dinner:
Best Man/Maid of Honor Speech and Toast:
Cutting of the Wedding/Grooms Cake:
Father and Bride Dance
Mother and Groom Dance
Open Dancing
Bouquet and Garter Toss
Money/Dollar Dance
Bride and Groom Thank You Speech (Optional)
Last Dance

Weddings Receptions...

Over the years we have learned that there are numerous ways to organize a Wedding Reception. Today's Brides may choose to plan the sequence of her formal Reception events based on how a friend or family members Reception was done or to suit their own unique personalities.

Let's take a look at a "Sample Agenda of Events" for a Wedding Reception. Keep in mind that the suggestions we offer here are to be used as a guideline. The sequence of events at a Wedding Reception varies from one Client to the next, as Event Planners it is our job to help each Client plan exactly what Reception formalities will take place and what sequence they will follow. This provides our Clients with the personalized service they deserve. Our Wedding Reception planning worksheets make organizing your special music and dances easy, and we'll be sure to integrate any family or cultural traditions you'd like to see at your Reception. Your Emcee & DJ will follow your Agenda precisely and is always open to any last minute changes that you might request.

Sample Agenda of Events

Reception Begins

While the Bride, Groom and Bridal Party are finishing up with the post-ceremony photography your guests will start making their way over to the reception. The Emcee & DJ will begin playing background music as the guests arrive and help themselves to hors d'oeuvres, and begin to socialize.

Grand Entrance/ Preparation

Most of the receptions that we produce include the Bridal Party Introduction. When this happens, the entire wedding party and any parents are usually announced, in many cases this is scaled back to introducing just the Bride and Groom. Your Emcee/DJ will take charge of lining up the wedding party for the introductions. It is also a good opportunity to double-check the pronunciation of the names of the wedding party as we line them up. Please keep anyone that is going to be introduced from entering the reception area; otherwise it may take longer to get the introductions underway.

Grand Entrance Introductions

Your guests will graciously be asked for their attention. The entire Bridal Party then Bride and Groom will be introduced.

Receiving Line

After the bridal party has been introduced, the bride and groom may opt to have a receiving line. In recent years, receiving lines have become less popular than they used to be in the 70/80's. One popular option to a formal receiving line is to allow 20 to 30 minutes after the Wedding Party Introduction for the bride and groom to mingle with their guests, and use this opportunity to thank them for coming. This option is attractive because it doesn't force their guests to stand in a long line.

Best Man's Toast

When the champagne is ready to be served, the best man will be brought up to the microphone with an introduction. This may be scheduled before or after dinner. The decision on this depends greatly on personal preferences. The more formal the wedding, the more often the toast is done prior to the meal, especially when a sit down dinner is served. In any case, the very best toasts come from the heart, recalling sentimental moments and offering best wishes for the future. Always inform the best man in advance so he can be well prepared. In addition to the best man, many Brides want the microphone left open for anyone else who would like to offer a toast to the Bride and Groom.

Grace/Blessing Meal

If a moment of prayer before the meal is to be included in the agenda, a cordless microphone will be available. This is an **optional** event, but an important detail for those who wish to involve their spiritual leader or devout family member in blessing the wedding reception. Always identify the person to perform this in advance, so they are not taken by surprise.

Dinner / Buffet

This is likely to take longer than you think. Allow about an hour for either a sit-down dinner or a buffet. If you are having a buffet, we will work closely with the banquet staff and make sure the guests can serve themselves in a comfortable and orderly fashion. The music during dinner is normally light background music. However, it is not uncommon for a bride to request that you play up-tempo oldies that will get people beginning to tap their toes!

Cake Cutting

We recommend that the Bride and Groom cut the cake after dinner, prior to starting the dancing. If your guests include many older people attending the reception, cutting the cake right after dinner allows them to take part in this important tradition should they need to leave early. Some people also like the idea of serving the wedding cake as dessert. An announcement will be made and attention will be directed towards the Bride & Groom as they approach the cake. It is traditional for the Bride and Groom to feed each other the first piece of the Wedding cake.

Bride and Groom's First Dance

Traditionally, the Bride and Groom share their First Dance as Husband and Wife to lead off the dancing portion of the reception. Occasionally a bride and groom share their first dance after the Grand Entrance but we try to direct our clients away from doing this as we want that "big moment" of the first dance to start building the momentum on the dance floor. It doesn't make much sense to have the first dance right after the Grand Entrance, only to mellow down into background music for the dinner hour. Occasionally, a client will want the dancing to start immediately, because they plan to only have a light buffet that stays open for the duration of the reception. In this event, having the first dance right away isn't a problem.

Parents Dance

Once the bride and groom complete their first dance, a variety of parents and bridal party dances may take place. The bride and her father, the groom and his mother, the wedding party dance, etc., are all options that the client can choose. The parents of the Bride & Groom will be asked to join them on the dance floor for their second dance. The dance floor is usually opened up to all of the bride and grooms guests after the parents and bridal party dances have been completed, and this is where things start to liven up!

Open Dancing Variety of music will be played for your guests dancing enjoyment. Bride & Groom's music requests will take priority throughout the evening.

Money Dance/Dollar Dance

The dollar dance is a tradition for many families and cultures. This optional tradition involves having the ladies line up to dance with the groom and the gentlemen lining up to dance with the bride. We like to call this the "Money Dance" which gives each person the opportunity to make a donation of a dollar or any amount they wish to donate. We also offer this done as a "not for money dance".

Bouquet / Garter Toss

Tradition holds that the bride would toss the bouquet and the lady who caught it may be the next bride. The groom would remove the garter from the bride's leg and toss it to the single gentlemen in the crowd. After that, the guy that caught the garter would place it on the lady that caught the bouquet.

In recent years, brides who prefer to do things that suit their own style are abandoning a lot of wedding traditions. Often times, the bride will toss the bouquet and the Groom will toss the garter but eliminate the garter removal. One reason for this could be having children amongst your guests. This is all a matter of personal preferences.

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Last Dance

Bride and Groom Depart, A "farewell" dance by the bride and groom is a great way to end the reception on a positive and sentimental note. During the farewell dance, invite the guests to form a circle around the bride and groom to give them a great send-off. As you can see, there are a lot of details that need to be planned, if you want the reception to run smoothly. Helping you plan the details of your Wedding Reception is only one part of the service we offer. In addition, our Emcee and DJ are the on-site coordinator for your Wedding Reception. We take the responsibility of making sure that the other vendor services we are working with are informed of all the activities happen. This will make a STRESS FREE Reception and make an overabundance of wonderful memories for you, your family & your guests.