

Suggestions to Maximize Your Wedding Reception

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At a well-organized fun reception there is a certain energy that develops as your guests experience the facility you've selected, the dinner menu you've planned and the quality of DJ/MC entertainment you've hired.

Helpful tips to consider:

- **Take formal pictures prior to the ceremony.** By taking your formal pictures prior to the ceremony you will have more time to enjoy your reception to the fullest. This also ensures your guests won't wait too long for your return, get restless, and leave before your Grand Entrance.
- **Place the DJ close to the dance floor.** Placing the DJ near the dance floor allows your DJ to take requests and keep the music volume focused where it belongs, on the dance floor.
- **Is your DJ a Skilled MC/Timeline Coordinator.** Your key reception moments such as the cake cutting, bouquet toss and special dances need to be skillfully coordinated and professionally announced. By hiring a "Seasoned" Wedding DJ/MC your big day is guaranteed to flow smoother.
- **Grand Entrance.** Your Grand Entrance sets the mood for your reception. Work closely with your DJ/MC to create an introduction that reflects your style and gets your guests involved.
- **Best Man's Toast.** After dinner is the best time to start the toasts. Having your parents and bridal party toast will add a nice touch. This is also a good time to thank your guests for coming.
- **Special Dances.** Doing your 1st Dance & other Special Dances after the Bouquet/Garter Toss is a great way to open up the evening's dancing and keep it going without interruptions.
- **Creating Ambiance.** Up-Lighting, Room-Glow Lighting, and Dance Floor Party Lighting is a great way to turn your venue from looking like a meeting hall into an exciting setting. The other attribute is it allows you to dim the venue lights, so your guests feel more comfortable dancing.
- **Music Selection.** It's okay to tell your DJ what styles of music to play or avoid, but don't micro-manage your DJ's performance. When you hire a "Highly Experienced" DJ, they will know how to read the crowd and play the right music that will keep everyone dancing!
- **No Hokey Pokey?** Think twice before you reject fun group dances like the Hokey Pokey, YMCA, Chicken Dance, Cupid Shuffle, Macarena and Electric Slide. These popular songs are often requested and can create priceless memories of your guests and family having a great time!

Selecting the perfect DJ/MC is one the most important decisions you will make to ensure the success of your wedding reception.

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