

MARQUEE ENTERTAINMENT

Wedding Reception Guide

Here is a guideline of events to consider for your reception.

Cocktail Hour:

- Mingle with / greet guests
- Candid and Formal shots with Photographer
- Meet with Maitre d` and Band Leader
- Bride, Groom and Bridal Party touch up make-up and hair
- Bustle Brides Dress
- Gather Bride, Groom, Parents and Bridal Party for introductions

Introductions:

- Grandparents of the Bride (optional)
- Grandparents of the Groom (optional)
- Parents of the Bride
- Parents of the Groom
- Jr. Bridesmaids and Jr. Ushers
- Bridesmaids and Ushers
- Flower Girl & Ring Bearer
- Maid / Matron of Honor & Best Man
- Bride & Groom

First Dance:

- Bridal Party may join in about half way through the song (optional)
- Separate Bridal Party Dance (optional)

Toast:

- Welcome by Father of the Bride (optional)
- Any additional toasts come before the Best Man's
- Best Man's toast

Blessing:

- Usually delivered by the Clergy that performed your ceremony
- If your Clergy is not present please choose a family member or friend.

Dinner:

- Head Table is served first
- Parent tables served next
- Guest tables served
- Dancing between courses

Shortly After Dinner:

- Bride Dance with Father
- Groom Dance with Mother
- Dancing

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Dessert:

Usually about ½ hour after dinner if it is a prepared dessert or you are serving the wedding cake (discuss with caterer)

Sweet / Viennese table usually about 1 hour after dinner (discuss with caterer)

Cake Cutting:

The event is introduced by the band but coordinated by your Maitre d`

Bouquet Toss:

Bouquet Toss to single female guests (optional)

Some Brides prefer an Anniversary dance in lieu of tossing their bouquet.

Anniversary Dance - All married couples are invited onto the dance floor and are asked to sit down throughout the song if they have been married for a certain number of years. Whoever is the longest married couple or the last couple remaining on the floor gets the Bride's Bouquet.

The Bride may also present the Bouquet to a female of her choice.

Garter Removal / Toss:

Groom removes the Garter from the Brides right leg

Garter toss to single male guest (optional).

The Groom may also present the Garter to a male of his choice.

Bouquet and Garter Toss Recipients:

It is customary for the individuals catching the Bouquet and Garter to participate in a tradition providing the Bride and Groom many, many years of good luck. The female is seated holding the bouquet she caught while the male places the garter on her leg and over the knee. Every inch above the knee the garter travels provides more good luck for the bride and groom. This event can be fun or somewhat uncomfortable if the individuals participating are unacquainted. Should teenagers or children catch the bouquet or garter, the garter should be placed on the young man's arm.

In lieu of placing the garter on the female's leg you can have the two start the next slow dance and then join them with all guests being invited to participate as well. Forgoing the bouquet toss, Garter removal and toss and or garter ceremony is perfectly acceptable as well.

Special Events / Announcements:

By all means it's your wedding and you should do what you want to do. Please make sure you let your Maitre d` and Band Leader knows ahead of time if they need to coordinate anything, like acknowledging a special birthday or Anniversary.