

# Armada Mobile Disco & Dj Services

## Wedding Reception Info Pack.



Your wedding day is one of the most significant events in your life. It's a joyous occasion filled with romance, family & friends.

Having an experienced DJ / Master of Ceremonies that can think on their feet will go a long way towards ensuring your wedding reception stays on track and flows smoothly.

More importantly, you need someone who will work well with the venue and other service providers you've chosen.

Everybody has a different vision for their wedding day. As the owner of Armada Mobile Disco & Dj Services, I will personally work with you to help make that vision a reality. Our goal is to help ensure that your special day is one that you and your guests will remember for years to come.

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We sincerely hope that you find the information contained within these pages helpful. Should your wedding reception differ greatly from this format we encourage you to make the necessary changes or provide your own Running Sheet.

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# Wedding Reception Run Sheet



## Time

Pre-Dinner Drinks	( Location )
Guests enter the reception space	Background Music Begins
Bridal Party / Bride & Groom Entry	Please provide your music selections on your Wedding Dj / MC Booking Sheet.
Cutting The Cake	Please provide your music selections on your Wedding Dj / MC Booking Sheet.
Grace	( Speaker )
Entrée Served	
Mains Served	
Speeches	Please provide detailed information on your Wedding Dj / MC Booking Sheet.
Bridal Waltz	Please provide your music selections on your Wedding Dj / MC Booking Sheet.
Dancing	Dancing Music Begins
Desert / Coffee Served	
Throwing the Bouquet & Garter	Please provide your music selections on your Wedding Dj / MC Booking Sheet.
Farewell Circle	Please provide your music selections on your Wedding Dj / MC Booking Sheet.
Bride & Groom leave	

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## **Guests arrival and start time:**

As your guests arrive at the reception venue for pre-dinner drinks, it's highly recommended that some background music be playing. The volume should be at a level that allows for conversation to be heard. Having some great music will go a long way toward setting the mood for your guests while you're busy with the photographer or getting ready for your Grand Entrance. Even if your guests are served pre-dinner drinks in another room or another part of the venue it's best if the equipment is set up before they arrive at the venue.

## **Bridal Party / Bride & Groom Grand Entrance:**

Traditionally, the proper order of introductions starts with the Bride's Parents, followed by the Groom's Parents, Groomsmen & Bridesmaids, Best Man & Maid / Matron of Honour, Ring Bearer & Flower Girl and finally the Bride & Groom. "No matter what order or combination the Bridal Party make their entrance; The Bride & Groom are the last to enter."

## **Music:**

The music you choose for the entrances can be as formal or as fun as you like. Some couples opt for a Traditional Wedding March while others are a bit more adventurous. A combination of clever music choices along with your MC building the momentum to your grand entrance can really start the night off with a bang! Don't forget to check out our "Wedding Reception Music List" for some ideas. Available to view or download at [www.armadamobiledisco.com](http://www.armadamobiledisco.com).

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## Grace:

If you, or members of your family are religious it may be nice to ask the Minister or a family member to ask the blessing for the meal.

## Speeches:

These commonly take place after the main meal is finished and cleared away. There are many different schools of thought as to the proper order. Below is an example of a modern order of speeches.

**Father of The Bride**

**Father of The Groom**

**Bridesmaid/s**

**Groomsman**

**Maid / Matron of Honour**

**The Best Man**

**The Bride & Groom (Together)**

## Nerves:

If you or any of your chosen speakers are a bit nervous about the idea addressing a crowd; Remember... All of your family and friends have gathered together in celebration of your tying the knot, not to critic your every word & movement. There is an almost unlimited amount of online resources that can take the mystery and fear out of public speaking. With some research and a little practice in front of the mirror, it's a walk in the park. Just be yourself!

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## **Bridal Waltz and subsequent Dance Bracket:**

This is your first official dance as Husband & Wife (sounds good doesn't it). The bridal party and or immediate family are then asked to join you on the dance floor. Then all guests are asked to join in and the real party begins. Venue staff should be ready to dim the lights above the dance floor. This is a clear signal to your guests that the party has shifted up a gear.

## **Tip.**

Something to keep in mind when considering the venue for your reception: Can the lights above the dance floor be dimmed or turned off separately?

## **Music Selection:**

Wedding receptions attract guests from every generation. A good Dj will play a variety of hits to suit all age groups. If you are going to choose the music, it's highly recommended that you do this with your guests in mind. Comprehensive music request pages can be found on [www.armadamobiledisco.com](http://www.armadamobiledisco.com).

## **Throwing of the Bouquet:**

These days some brides are a little uncomfortable with the idea of dragging their unmarried friends into the spotlight. More so if there are just a few single ladies in attendance. Having said that, many traditionalists still love the idea. The throwing of the bouquet along with the garter certainly adds some extra entertainment to the reception. You can however consider these alternatives listed on the next page:

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## **Option One:**

Instead of giving your bouquet to the singles, what about celebrating the longest married? You could either find out this information in advance, or enlist the help of your DJ / MC in getting all the married couples on the dance floor and then ask couples that have been married less than 5 years to sit down, then 10 years, 15 years etc. Eventually you'll be left with the longest married couple still dancing.

## **Option Two:**

You could instead give your bouquet to your parents or Maid of Honour as a token of thanks for all their help in the preparation of your wedding. You can either do this formally at the wedding reception, and incorporate it into the speeches, or do it more discreetly later on.

## **Throwing of the Garter (Optional):**

This tradition dates back to the 14th Century, when pieces of the bridal attire were considered to be lucky. Back then it was quite distressing for the bride as this often resulted in the early destruction of her wedding dress. Thankfully these days, all the bride need part with is the garter. Worn just above the knee. This tradition isn't for everyone. Not all brides are comfortable with the idea of having intimate apparel removed from their inner thigh in front of a room full of people.

## **Tip.**

Make sure you have "the talk" about which leg the garter is on. If your partner has a road map, there might be less of a chance for fumbling hands and awkward moments.

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