

Wedding Reception Itinerary

The purpose of a wedding itinerary is to alleviate some anxiety on the actual day. Instead of constantly wondering who should be where doing what, the bride and groom can relax, knowing that things are running according to schedule. Your itinerary can be printed and included in your invitation or set a top the place settings at the reception. The printed itinerary would include actual times when each portion would begin.

A few people to help emcee the evening can be one or a combination of the museum's Event Planner, a friend, DJ or the band leader. Couples should keep in mind the comfort of their guests to have a successful reception. Here's a sample guideline to get you started.

Dinner Prayer

Wedding speeches; Best Man, Maid of Honor and Parents can occur here or see below for another option.

Dinner portion ends with the couple thanking everyone, and inviting people to dance after the cake is cut. This is also another time where the parents can make their speeches, and then the father can invite people to dance.

Cutting the cake

Dance portion

- First Dance of couple with their wedding song
- Bridal party dance
- Father/Daughter wedding song
- Mother/Son wedding song
- Open dancing with popular dance songs
- Bridal bouquet toss
- Garter toss
- Open dancing
- Last dance
- Exit of bride and groom

Couples may choose to include games, dollar dances, wedding line dances, anniversary dances or other special activities during the reception. Work each element into the dance itinerary as desired.

Combined Itinerary

The dinner and dancing portion of the wedding reception do not have to be separated. Instead, combine elements by:

- Dancing the first dance and bridal party dance right after the wedding party grand entrance song, then opening the dance floor to guests.
- Skipping the bouquet toss during the dance and instead giving the bouquet away during dinner to the couple attending who has been married the longest.
- Cutting and serving the cake after the first dances, but before the dance floor opens to guests.
- Giving a thank you for coming speech by the bride and groom just before the last dance, rather than during the meal.

Couples who choose to skip the grand entrance can ask their Emcee to announce the wedding party members during the bridal party dance