

Tips for a fun wedding reception

Based on our years of experience playing at receptions, here are some recommendations we can give on what we have seen work.

Time Line

When putting together a time line, try to get most events completed before the live music begins. That would include cake cutting, toasts etc. The more breaks in the night, the more people will see it as an opportunity to leave – especially older guests. We have seen receptions that start off with a lot of guests dancing, but then a break occurs after 45 minutes, and it is not the same atmosphere after the break.

Song Selections

Let the band act as a DJ throughout the night. We have a wide variety of music to choose from and it allows for the band to make changes on the fly for what may work best at any given time. We have a lot of experience in reading a crowd. If you decide you want to choose a list of songs, choose at least 60 so we can pick and choose depending on how the night is progressing.

When choosing songs from our list, remember that there will likely be many ages at your reception. You may not like a song like Play That Funky Music, but it works almost every time. Make sure you also keep plenty of older songs on the list. The first 30-45 minutes of a reception, older guests will be the majority on the dance floor. Younger guests do not tend to dance as much until later in the evening – usually due to “Liquid Courage”. Also, you may love a lot of rock songs, and we do too, but they have a tendency to clear the floor unless it is late in the night. Lastly, make sure you have at least 4-8 slow songs to allow guests a chance to rest up from fast numbers.

Bride & Groom Dancing

The more you dance, the more your guests will dance. If you spend a lot of your night in the other room talking, you will have far less people dancing. There may be many reasons why, but we promise you there will be more people on the dance floor if you are there with them.

First Dances

Most couples through the years want to dance for about 90 seconds to 2 minutes. This is also common on Bride/Father and Groom/Mother dances. This is very easy to do with a fade out on an mp3 if requested.

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This is just a list of suggestions that may increase the fun for your special day. Ultimately, this is YOUR day and we'll do what you want. But we wanted to list some ideas on here that in our experience may help take your reception to the next level. Best wishes, the Stone Age Romeos!