



TYPICAL WEDDING SCHEDULE

Every wedding is different, and while timings vary significantly, the majority tend to follow a rough pattern, as in the following example:

CEREMONY	2.30-3.15pm
PHOTOGRAPHS	3.30-4.30pm
DRINKS RECEPTION	3.30-4.30pm
MEAL(inc speeches)	5.30 – 7.30 pm
COMFORT BREAK	7.30 -8.00pm
CAKE CUTTING & photos	8.00pm
FIRST DANCE (cd or band)	8.10pm
EVENING ENTERTAINMENT (ceilidh)	8.15 -9.45pm
EVENING BUFFET	9.45 – 10.15pm
EVENING ENTERTAINMENT (DJ)	10.15 – 11.45pm
TAXIS etc	12 midnight

We recommend an 8 or 8.15 start for the ceilidh, as this usually allows the guests a comfort break to mingle while the room is “turned around” (if required) and the band set up and sound-check.

If you have invited **evening guests**, it’s usually good form to say 7.30 on the invitation, so that they have time to arrive and be welcomed before the dancing begins around 8.00.

The band usually require **1 hour to set up** and sound-check, depending on the ease of access to the venue. *If the room where the dancing takes place can be vacated for the duration of the set-up, then that greatly speeds our set up.*

It is also useful if the guests are invited into the room AFTER the band have had a chance to sound-check, if at all possible.

Please note we have played hundreds of weddings, so we appreciate the considerations of the wedding party, and our set up is always as quick and discrete as possible.

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Please contact us should you wish to discuss our **setting up earlier** in the day, which can be arranged for an additional charge.

It's best to appoint a person (usually the best man) to be the 'point of contact' for the band on the evening to handle the practicalities such as payment, and to make sure that everyone knows what is happening. This helps free up the bride and groom to mingle with their guests.

If you would like to commission a specially written first waltz as a memento of your day, contact us to arrange this.

A microphone for speeches (including PA) can also be arranged for earlier on in the proceedings, should your venue not already provide these.

If you would like to book **live background music** such as our fantastic jazz pianist for during your meal, see www.bigdaymusic.net or call us on 0141 419 9558 for more information. Booking more than one musician or group through bigdaymusic.net qualifies you for significant discounts.

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Remember: the format for your wedding is entirely your own decision, and we will strive to accommodate your wishes.

We've given the above guide because we can attest that the above format works exceptionally well, particularly with reference to the evening reception.

Obviously, we want to make sure that your wedding is just how you want it, so please do give us a call and we can discuss your preferences.