

Wedding Guests: Tips for Seating Chart at Reception

Planning your wedding ceremony and reception does not have to be an overwhelming task. Of course, choosing the special people in your life to share the day with and take part in the ceremony along with giving the approval for all the intricate details to make the big day perfect is especially significant. As a result, the utmost consideration should also be taken to ensure the guests attending your reception are able to enjoy the conclusion to this dynamic day comfortably. Properly seating your wedding reception guests is essential for the continued enjoyment of your special event and if you plan accordingly it can be a smooth process.

Tips for Seating Chart at Reception:

- Keep things interesting by using combinations of different table sizes and shapes. There is no rule that states all tables must be the same. If a table seats 10 guests use it to seat 8 to allow for more elbowroom.
- Seat younger guests who are more likely to dance closer to the dance floor. They will have easy access to the floor when they hear a song they want to dance to and they won't have to ask others to allow them to pass through.
- Children should be seated with their parents and they are likely to be better behaved when this arrangement is observed. Parents will know best how to entertain their children if they become restless and help them with restroom breaks.
- Seat guests who don't enjoy each other's company far apart. If one aunt has a long standing disagreement with another relative then seating them on opposite sides of the room will help prevent them from crossing paths unnecessarily and limit any awkward encounters.
- If parents are divorcing or divorced give them their own tables. Separate tables are ideal if one or both parents decide to bring a date that might upset the other. In addition to giving them their own tables also make sure their tables are not next to each other.
- Elderly guests and guests with babies should be seated away from speakers. Loud music may prove to be too much for babies and an annoyance to older guests so seat them far away from the giant loud volume speakers.
- Seat the bridal party with their friends and relatives. They will find it easier to mingle and table-hop and won't need to walk clear across the room to hold a conversation. Or if the bridal party is seated at the head of the room allow them to sit with their dates and spouses after dinner to keep them from feeling isolated. You can even seat the bridal party together at their own tables. This seating arrangement will also work for groups of friends.

Allow for flexibility in your seating chart in case you change your mind or you receive some last minute RSVP's. Your guests will appreciate knowing that you took the time to decide whom they should be seated with as well as knowing where they will be sitting. But don't wait until the last minute to get started because you may have more important things to take care of the closer it gets to the big day.

To learn more about seating charts and how to make them work for you contact us at [client's name removed].