

Wedding Party Responsibilities

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Each member of your wedding party has his/her own individual duties and responsibilities. The following is a list of the most important duties for each member of your wedding party.

MAID OF HONOR

- Helps bride select attire and address invitations
- Plans bridal shower for bride
- Arrives at dressing site two hours before ceremony to assist the bride
- Arranges the bride's veil and train
- Witnesses the signing of the marriage license
- Holds bride's bouquet during the ceremony
- Helps keep the bride on schedule
- Helps bride change into her going away clothes

BEST MAN

- Organizes bachelor party for groom
- Drives groom to ceremony site
- Walks behind ushers in order of height
- Sits next to ushers at the head table

USHERS

- Distribute wedding programs if used
- Seat guests - left for brides, right for groom
- Roll carpet down before ceremony
- Loosen ribbons after ceremony, if used
- Direct guests to the reception site

BRIDE'S MOTHER

- Helps prepare guest list
- Helps plan the wedding ceremony and reception
- Helps bride select bridal gown
- Helps bride keep track of gifts received
- Makes accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Sits at the left side of bride's father
- Dances with the groom after the first dance
- Acts as hostess at the reception

BRIDE'S FATHER

- Helps prepare guest list for bride
- May ride with bride in limousine
- Answers when officiant asks, "Who gives this bride away?"
- Dances with bride after first dance
- Acts as host at the reception

GROOM'S MOTHER

- Helps prepare guest list
- Helps make out of town guest accommodations
- May stand up to signal the start of the processional
- Can witness signing of license

GROOM'S FATHER

- Helps prepare guest list with groom's mother
- Plans rehearsal dinner
- Offers toast to bride at rehearsal dinner
- Can witness signing of license

FLOWER GIRL

- Usually between the ages of four and eight - if very young, sit with her parents at ceremony
- Carries a basket filled with loose rose petals to throw along bride's path

RING BEARER

- Usually between the ages of four and eight
- Carries a white pillow with rings attached
- If younger than 7, carries artificial ring;
- If very young, sit with parents at ceremony