

WEDDING RECEPTION TIMELINE CHECKLIST

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A Note From Chris

The secret to an unforgettable reception is momentum! While it's tempting to micromanage every single minute, your main goal should be establishing a beautiful, natural rhythm for your guests. Use these industry-standard timing blocks to blueprint your evening, and always remember to build in a little bit of buffer time. A flexible timeline keeps things flowing smoothly and completely eliminates stress.

Happy celebrating,

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YOUR EVENING BLUEPRINT

Cocktail Hour *Suggested: 60 mins*

Scheduled time / notes (e.g., 5:00 - 6:00 PM)...

Grand Entrance *Suggested: 10-15 mins*

Scheduled time / song choice...

First Dance *Suggested: 5-10 mins*

Scheduled time / song choice...

Welcome Toast *Suggested: 5 mins*

Scheduled time / speaker name...

Dinner Service Suggested: 45-60 mins

Scheduled time / meal style...

Speeches *Suggested: 15-20 mins*

Scheduled time / order of speakers...

Parent Dances *Suggested: 10 mins*

Scheduled time / songs...

Open Dancing *Suggested: 90-120 mins*

Scheduled window / band or DJ block...

Cake Cutting *Suggested: 10 mins*

Scheduled time / background song...

Last Dance *Suggested: 5 mins*

Scheduled time / finale song...

Send Off *Suggested: 10-15 mins*

Scheduled time / sparklers, exit type...