



[A Spinnin-Sounds Guide To Choosing Your Wedding Party Music.](#)

It is important when planning your wedding that you get everything you want from your DJ's, that is why we have put this small guide together for you to ensure you get the best possible experience for your wedding reception.

Your Wedding Reception/Party is possibly the most memorable and important part of your big day, it's the part that all your guests will be talking about for a long time to come, so its well worth spending some time planning and preparing for it.

There are loads of variables of your party to consider such as dress code, furniture, bar bill...etc, but for the benefit of this guide we have stuck to the main ones:-

[Background Music](#)

This is an option that you don't have to utilise however its useful to consider if you have guests arriving for the evening's party at a set time or if you are moving all your guests in from another room. The background music should set the scene and create a fun and upbeat party atmosphere without being too loud or overwhelming. Remember to allow your guests to get into the party mood slowly and not to thrust it upon them. We all know that feeling you get when you walk into a busy and loud nightclub from the quiet street, it can be too much to start off with.

For background music we recommend classic 70's beat disco music or funky jazz, nothing too recognisable, this way it allows your guests to mingle and meet & greet.

[Your First Dance](#)

Your First Dance as a married couple is a tradition and there are many different variations of this ranging from the hyper energetic to the bizarre, examples of which can be viewed on YouTube, however for the benefit of this guide we have stuck with the straight forward 'romantic slow dance'.

This is one of the most memorable moments of your party/reception and shouldn't be glanced over. It is important to remember that you don't have to be great dancers to have a slow dance, even though your guests will be watching this dance is about you two and your first dance as a married couple. The following is a list of the points you should focus on.

[Choosing The First Dance Song:](#)

When selecting your first dance song it is important that you choose a song that has meaning for the both of you, this can be absolutely anything – romantic, fun, energetic, old fashioned, modern, unusual, contemporary, slow, upbeat...etc.

Check out our top 50 first dance songs for inspiration. All songs can be requested online via our website.

[The Length of the First Dance Song:](#)

When you have decided upon one song that is important to you, you now need to consider the length of the song.

If dancing with everyone watching isn't your thing, and it probably won't be unless you're a west end musical performer, you won't want to pick a song that is long in length. Try to pick a song as short as possible however if the song you want is longer than you would prefer we can solve that problem for you with two simple solutions.

1. Get us, as your DJ's, to professionally cut and edit the song to a length that you are comfortable dancing to.
2. Get us to cleverly invite your guests to join you on the dance floor roughly halfway through the song. With everyone dancing, you will no longer be the only ones dancing and it then breaks the ice and we can get the party started.

It is traditional that the first dance signals the beginning of the dancing part of your reception and your guest's probably won't dance until the first dance has been completed. That's why we recommend a '2nd First Dance Song'.

[Your 2nd First Dance Song:](#)

This might sound slightly unusual but too many first dances have been spoilt because the song to follow doesn't work well with the first song. Especially when most of your guests are on the dance floor dancing with you.

This song marks the start of the Party! We strongly recommend a fun and upbeat party song. If in doubt about this speak with us and we will recommend great party tracks that we know work well.

[Choosing Your Music](#)



Online Music Requests:

You have probably already noticed that we offer you a great and unique online planning service; one of the tools at your disposal will be our online music request service. You will be able to access our massive music database for inspiration; you will then be able to make up to 150 music requests simply with a click of your mouse. You can break down your requests into the following headers:

Love it – Songs you definitely want played at some point throughout the evening.

Like it – Songs you would like played if you have time.

Hate it – Songs that you definitely don't want played for whatever reason.

This is all so we can get a flavour of your favourite songs, tracks and artists.

Special Requests:

When you choose your songs online you will be able to add notes or comments to them, this can be used to mark special songs that you want us to dedicate to particular guests such as the mother and father of the bride and groom or the bestman. This is a great way to show your gratitude to the ones that matter most.

It's a Party not an iPod:

When you are making your requests there are few things you should keep in mind. Remember that this is a party! Therefore the music you like to listen to on your iPod or in the car may not necessarily be right for a party, try to keep your requests upbeat and fun, try not to be too left field.

If you want slower or less tempo songs played we recommend you request these to be played as part of the background or warm up stage.

Involve Your Guests:

Your guests are the main reason you have hired a DJ. Why not include them in the planning? Get ideas off them in advance?

When most plan their wedding they send out RSVP cards with a section for guests to request their favourite songs, with our online service you can direct all your guests to your online wedding section of our website and with their own unique login details (not the same as yours) they can request their favourite songs and artists they would love to hear at your party. Email them all and encourage them to logon via our website. Post the details on your facebook page.

Although it is your big day, the reception is for everyone to enjoy, that's why we will provide you with a separate log in for your guests to use. This is a sure-fire way of ensuring everybody has something they like to hear and keep the dance floor full all night long. However please be assured that if a guest requests a song that you have on your 'Hate it' list or is inappropriate we simply won't play it. Ask them what they have enjoyed at previous weddings and what songs they thought worked well and made the night memorable.

Trust Your DJ

So, you have submitted your list and so have your guests, but the DJ is playing a song that was not requested? Don't be alarmed! Your DJ has a lot of experience in entertaining and has the ability to read the crowd.

Be assured your requests will be played but at the appropriate time of the night (unless specifically requested to be played at a particular time). Trust your DJ, giving the DJ a playlist that they must stick too restricts the DJ's ability to keep the dance floor full and build the atmosphere, we do this by reading the crowd. Try and give the DJ the flexibility to do what you are paying them to do, trust the DJ.

How To End The Night

It's always best to end the night on a high, that's what the guests remember and it's a great way to send everybody off at the end of the night feeling happy. Try to steer away from requesting lots of love songs, it's a common misconception that love songs work well at weddings, they just slow the night down and can lead to people leaving early. By all means request a couple, and these will normally be played towards the end of the night.

Finish on a high:

We have songs that we know work well at the end of the night, we build up to these gradually, its very important that these songs are massive all time classics that everyone knows and want to sing-a-long to, they don't need to be particularly 'dancy', allow us to choose this song, don't ask us for it as its fun for you to look forward to it as much as your guests. Above all, have fun and enjoy it!