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# CEREMONY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE



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This is your complete guide to your ceremony rehearsal for you and all your guests. To make your job a little easier, feel free to send this to your wedding party so they are also familiar with the process.

## ORDER OF EVENTS

1. PRE-CEREMONY GUIDELINES
2. WALKING DOWN THE AISLE
3. END OF CEREMONY GUIDELINES

## THINGS TO NOTE

**SONGS TO PICK:** We recommend picking 1 - 2 songs for you and your wedding party to walk down to. Pick 1 - 2 songs for the Signing of the Registry and 1 upbeat song for your exit!

**CONFETTI:** We allow biodegradable confetti, bubbles, fresh petals/freeze dried petals or dried florals only.

**Note:** Biodegradable Confetti Surcharge \$100.





# I. PRE-CEREMONY

## BEFORE CEREMONY

- If you're getting ready onsite make sure you're ready 10 minutes before the ceremony is set to start so your wedding coordinator can pick you up in the buggy. If you're getting ready offsite, make sure you've factored in traffic and are set to arrive 5 - 10 minutes prior to the ceremony. Please wait in The Homestead until your Coordinator arrives to collect you as they will be making sure all guests have arrived.
- If you're not walking down the aisle, make sure you're down at the ceremony greeting your guests and checking in with your celebrant half an hour before the ceremony is set to start.

## JUST BEFORE YOU WALK DOWN THE AISLE

- You'll be greeted by your wedding coordinator just before you're set to walk down the aisle. They will communicate with your music operator & celebrant to ensure everything starts right on time. Whilst they organise everything, you can get a few photos before the ceremony starts.
- Line up in the order that you'll walk down the aisle in. Traditionally Bridesmaids stand on the left and groomsmen on the right of the alter. Make sure you line up out of your guests view! Generally the Maid/Man of Honour will be the last of the bridal party to walk before the bride/marrier. Traditionally the father would walk on right hand side of the bride, separating her from her soon-to-be until he gives her hand to the groom.
- For Chapel Ceremonies only - Don't forget you'll decide if you'll have the Chapel doors close once the bridal party has walked down and then reopened when it's time for the bride/marrier to walk down. We recommend this if you have a particularly long dress or veil so it gives your wedding coordinator time to straighten it.

## HOT TIP:

- If you feel your dress or veil start to pull as it has slowly caught on something, simply stop and smile for a photo opportunity and to take in the moment as your coordinator will appear shortly to fix it for you!

# 2. WALKING DOWN THE AISLE

## CHAPEL CEREMONY

- Hold your bouquet low so that your wrists are leaning against your hip bones and tilt it forward, don't forget to hold your chin up and smile
- Walk at a window shopping pace, don't speed down the aisle, it's not a race! Once the person in front of you reaches the second last pew at the end of the aisle, the next person will walk.
- For the bride/marrier, count to 3 at the start of the aisle before you walk down so you get that memorable picture and your fiance can take in the moment
- Remember to decide on how your parent/guardian will give your hand away at the end. Whether they place your hand in theirs, kiss you on the cheek and shake your fiance's hand.
- At the end of the aisle, your Maid/Man of Honour or a friend/family member will need to remember to fix up your veil/dress train and take your bouquet so you and your fiance can hold each other's hands.

## LOVE TREE CEREMONY

### LOCATION - HOMESTEAD STAIRS DOWN THE FESTOON PATHWAY

- Hold your bouquet low so that your wrists are leaning against your hip bones and tilt it forward, don't forget to hold your chin up and smile
- Walk at a window shopping pace, don't speed down the aisle, it's not a race! Once the person in front of you reaches the second or third festoon light, the next person will walk.
- For the bride/marrier, don't forget to stop at the start of the aisle (half way down the festoon walkway) and count to 5 so that your wedding coordinator can straighten your dress/veil before you walk.
- Remember to decide on how your parent/guardian will give your hand away at the end. Whether they place your hand in theirs, kiss you on the cheek and shake your fiance's hand.
- At the end of the aisle, your Maid/Man of Honour or a friend/family member will need to remember to fix up your veil/dress train and take your bouquet so you and your fiance can hold each other's hands.

## CROQUET LAWN CEREMONY

### LOCATION - FROM HOMESTEAD STAIRS

- Hold your bouquet low so that your wrists are leaning against your hip bones and tilt it forward, don't forget to hold your chin up and smile
- Walk at a window shopping pace, don't speed down the aisle, it's not a race! Once the person in front of you reaches the green gates of the Croquet Lawn, the next person will walk. For children start walking from the bottom of the stairs. If they are walking from the top of the stairs make sure they are accompanied by an adult.
- For the bride/marrier, don't forget to stop at the bottom of the Homestead stairs and count to 5 so that your wedding coordinator can straighten your dress/veil before you walk.
- Remember to decide on how your parent/guardian will give your hand away at the end. Whether they place your hand in theirs, kiss you on the cheek and shake your fiance's hand.
- At the end of the aisle, your Maid/Man of Honour or a friend/family member will need to remember to fix up your veil/dress train and take your bouquet so you and your fiance can hold each other's hands.

## GARDEN GAZEBO CEREMONY

### LOCATION - FROM THE CAFE GARDENS, DOWN THE HILL.

- Hold your bouquet low so that your wrists are leaning against your hip bones and tilt it forward, don't forget to hold your chin up and smile
- Walk at a window shopping pace, don't speed down the aisle, it's not a race! Once the person in front of you reaches the Love Tree, the next person will walk.
- For the bride/marrier, don't forget to stop at the Love Tree and count to 5 so that your wedding coordinator can straighten your dress/veil before you walk.
- Remember to decide on how your parent/guardian will give your hand away at the end. Whether they place your hand in theirs, kiss you on the cheek and shake your fiance's hand.
- At the end of the aisle, your Maid/Man of Honour or a friend/family member will need to remember to fix up your veil/dress train and take your bouquet so you and your fiance can hold each other's hands.

# 3. END OF CEREMONY

## CHAPEL CEREMONY

- Wait for your celebrant to announce you by your new title and be the first to walk back down the aisle! Don't forget to hold your bouquet nice and high in the air for that awesome photo moment!
- Your bridal party will follow in the opposite order they walked in to and pair off with members of the opposite side of the bridal party.
- Walk all the way to the end and exit the ceremony area to make sure your guests follow you out of the area for photo time. Try not to stop for hugs and congratulations whilst you walk down as you'll get to do that after the ceremony officially concludes.

## CROQUET LAWN CEREMONY

- Wait for your celebrant to announce you by your new title and be the first to walk back down the aisle! Don't forget to hold your bouquet nice and high in the air for that awesome photo moment!
- Your bridal party will follow in the opposite order they walked in to and pair off with members of the opposite side of the bridal party.
- Walk all the way to the end and exit the Croquet Lawn to make sure your guests follow you out of the area for photo time. Try not to stop for hugs and congratulations whilst you walk down as you'll get to do that after the ceremony officially concludes.

## LOVE TREE CEREMONY

- Wait for your celebrant to announce you by your new title and be the first to walk back down the aisle! Don't forget to hold your bouquet nice and high in the air for that awesome photo moment!
- Your bridal party will follow in the opposite order they walked in to and pair off with members of the opposite side of the bridal party.
- Walk all the way to the end and exit the Love Tree area to make sure your guests follow you out of the area for photo time. Try not to stop for hugs and congratulations whilst you walk down as you'll get to do that after the ceremony officially concludes.

## GARDEN GAZEBO CEREMONY

- Wait for your celebrant to announce you by your new title and be the first to walk back down the aisle! Don't forget to hold your bouquet nice and high in the air for that awesome photo moment!
- Your bridal party will follow in the opposite order they walked in to and pair off with members of the opposite side of the bridal party.
- Walk all the way to the end and exit the Garden Gazebo to make sure your guests follow you out of the area for photo time. Try not to stop for hugs and congratulations whilst you walk down as you'll get to do that after the ceremony officially concludes.





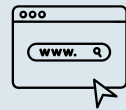
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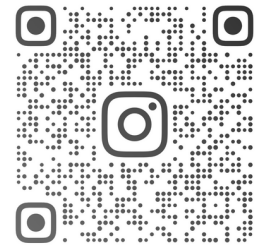
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