

Bridal Party Checklist



MAID / MATRON OF HONOR

- The bride's right hand. Helps with the details of addressing invitation, planning the wedding and shopping
- Pays for her gown and accessories
- (Sometimes) acts as a hostess to the bridal shower
- **Assists the bride with calling the guests prior to the final count date with the hall to confirm that their RSVP for the reception is still for the amount of guests that they confirmed**
- Supervises the bridesmaids. Helps organize their fittings and prepares them for wedding day duties.
- Holds the groom's ring until the appropriate time in the ceremony
- Holds the bride's bouquet during the ceremony
- Arranges the bride's veil during the ceremony
- Helps the bride get ready before the ceremony and before departure from reception

BEST MAN

- Assists the groom in the details of preparations such as:
- Pays for his own wedding attire
- Supervises the ushers, oversees their clothing fittings and alerts them to their duties
- Helps groom to gather travel information for the honeymoon
- Can pick up the airline tickets for the honeymoon
- Can help arranged hotel accommodations for groom's family's out-of-town guests
- Attends rehearsal and dinner
- Hold's the bride's ring until the appropriate tune during the ceremony
- Signs the wedding certificate as a legal witness
- Stands in the receiving line and holds a place of honor at the reception.
- Offers the first toast to the bride and groom at the reception
- Makes sure that the honeymoon car is ready to go and that the groom has travel documents are in order
- Can see that the luggage for the honeymoon is loaded into car
- Returns the groom's attire to the rental shop or takes to the cleaners

USHERS

- Pay for their own wedding attire
- Arrive at the wedding site early to be sure everything is in order
- Direct family and guest to proper places
- Escort the bridesmaids down the aisle after the ceremony
- Help elderly or out-of-town guests from ceremony to reception.
- Dance with unescorted bridesmaids

FLOWER GIRL

- Either carries a basket of flower petals (usually roses) to scatter down the aisle-seat guests as she walks down the aisle just before the bride

RING BEARER

- May walk alone with the flower girls, carrying the wedding rings on a satin pillow

MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

- May help with the selection of the bridal gown and accessories
- Assists in compiling the guest list and sending out invitations
- Serves as official hostess at the reception. She is the first person to greet the guests in the receiving line

FATHER OF THE BRIDE

- Escorts the bride down the aisle during the ceremony
- Stands next to the bride's mother in the receiving line
- Has traditionally paid for the wedding. However, this is no longer an automatic custom

GROOM'S PARENTS

- Help with general preparations if they wish
- Usually host the rehearsal dinner
- Stand in the receiving line
- May pay for the liquor served at the reception