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Thanks for the recent call regarding your upcoming wedding as I look forward to helping you in any way possible regardless of the hiring circumstance.

Attached I have a form that highlights the most important and normal wedding ideas/format. Please feel free to use any of this data to make your wedding work! Most of the time I use this form to introduce the wedding party, announce the first dances, and dinner announcements or toast.

Ok, since I've been in the business for a while, I will give you some great tips for a killer wedding. I know yours is going to be special because of the place you're having it--shows you are serious. That is actually step 1, booking the right place! Congrats, now you only have a million other things to do! Ok, here's a simple wedding format that most GUESTS enjoy:

- 1) Make sure your guests are not waiting for more than 30 minutes at the reception hall for the bridal party to arrive.
- 2) Since you are having the wedding at the place of reception, be sure to still have the DJ announce for the guests to take the appropriate seats, gather the wedding party outside the door, and then do a formal introduction of all the wedding party.  
--Remember you can be creative with a neat introduction; certain song, etc.
- 3) After the party introduction, be sure to do the first dance right then. You don't want an "anti-climax" after your big introduction. Most wedding guests leave within an hour to an hour and a half into the reception.
- 4) You can serve dinner after the BRIDE and GROOM dance and finish the rest of the dances while everyone is eating cake after dinner. OR you can do all of the dances after dinner, but it is not as effective as doing the first dance after the wedding party introduction.
- 5) Don't forget close to the end of dinner the new BRIDE and GROOM to cut the cake. And don't forget the toasts DURING dinner from the best man and matron of honor.
- 6) After everyone is done eating cake and you've finished all of the major dances, this is the best time to let everyone come out on the floor and slow dance or do the electric slide.
- 7) After everyone dance for a few songs, that is a great time to do the DOLLAR DANCE--everyone puts at least \$1 in a basket to dance with either the bride or groom.
- 8) Then after open dance-floor, you can do the garter pick and bouquet toss to create a little more fun for the single guys and gals.
- 9) After all of those things are done, it will be close to an hour and a half. Dinner usually takes about an hour, that why it's best to tie in the first dance beforehand, serve the cake close to the end of it, and then jump to the other dances. You don't want your guests to be bored!!!
- 10) There are many more things you can do after all the formalities are done; the best time frame for a wedding reception is three hours max, unless you plan on having lots of alcohol and it's going to be a wild party, then four hours.  
--Really anything more than three hours is an over-extensive amount of time for the DJ and guests.