

Wedding Information Kit Rehearsal Tips

Here are some helpful pointers for the day of your Ceremony. I will be there to talk you through everything at the rehearsal and remind you on the day, but it's always handy to read through these beforehand, to be totally prepared. Enjoy!

Bride & Bridesmaids

The night before

- Pack everything you'll need tomorrow.
- Go to bed early (have a great sleep).

On the day – Sustenance and preparation

- Eat breakfast!
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated have a bottle on hand.
- Limit "getting ready" champers to a couple.
 - A note about sobriety: You will be signing legal documents on your Wedding day so it is imperative that you are not under the influence of alcohol. If I determine that you are, the Ceremony will be converted to a Commitment Ceremony, without any signing of documents, and we will sign the documents the next day. This goes for your witnesses as well.
- Waterproof mascara if you think you'll cry please ladies!
- Bride: wear your engagement ring on your right hand.
- In the car, be in mobile contact with a guest or venue representative so they can let me know if you're running late. Things happen and it's Ok we just need to know about your timing.

On the day - Bridesmaids during the Ceremony

- Maid of Honour: during the Ceremony, ensure at all times that the Bride's train and veil are positioned beautifully (and free of any foliage she might have caught on the way down the aisle), and please do not step on her!
- Hold your bouquets to cover your belly buttons but please ensure the stems are dry so as not to mark your dresses.
- As you begin the procession, chin up, shoulders back and smile!
 Walk slowly but naturally no death marches please.
- Remember that you are there for the Bride and if you're relaxed and smiling, she will be too. Enjoy the day!
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Groom & Groomsmen

The night before

- Go easy on the alcohol tonight.
- Drink plenty of water and stay hydrated.
- No KFC, curry or any other 'windy' foods tonight please!
- If you know you'll be hungry after the Ceremony, pack an esky of food and snacks to take tomorrow and leave in the car to take out during photos.

On the day – Groomsmen during the Ceremony

- Limit alcohol to a couple whilst getting ready. A note about sobriety: You will be signing legal documents on your Wedding day so it is imperative that you are not under the influence of alcohol. If I determine that you are, the Ceremony will be converted to a Commitment Ceremony, without any signing of documents, and we will sign the documents the next day. This goes for your witnesses as well.
- Best Man: know where the rings are at all times.
- Groomsmen, you have 2 jobs today: 1) Stay upright, and 2) Look good. You're the best looking guys the Groom knows so don't let him down!
- Smile as soon as you see the Bridesmaids it will relax them.
- No hands in pockets please!
- Please put sunglasses inside your jacket.
- If you feel faint, move your knees, wriggle your toes, even shake out your hands. Get the blood flowing and take a few slow, deep breaths.
- If this doesn't work, go down onto one knee and rest your forehead on your hands this is my signal that you need assistance. If you collapse out of the blue, it will cause a lot more disruption than if you quietly kneel and someone is able to help you to a chair.

Bride & Groom

- Look at each other when saying your vows, not me! I will be there with you throughout the Ceremony, so relax!
- Put the ring on up to the first knuckle, say your words and then gently put the ring on the rest of the way.
- Bride: please sign all documents in your maiden name.

Children

- Nominate an adult who can wrangle them, console them if they get distressed or catch them if they run off.
- It is recommended that children and pets as ring-bearers only carry fake rings to avoid any accidental misplacements of the real rings. Have the real ones with a responsible adult (such as your Best Man).

After the Ceremony

 Nominate a responsible adult (usually one of the Mums) for me to give your Presentation Marriage Certificate to. Ask them to keep it safe for you and to treasure this document – it cannot be replaced!

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