



Weddings & Your DJ Scripts

For most of the events you work, you won't need to be worrying too much about speaking or memorizing any scripts. But, it doesn't hurt to make small announcements and statements on your microphone throughout the night.

Here are some examples of what you may use with your mic:

- Announcing Dinner
- Encouraging people to get on the dance floor
- Someone lost their keys
- Last call for drinks at the bar

Keep in mind, depending on the occasion, some guests may want an opportunity to use the mic and say a few words themselves.

Although, when it comes to DJing Weddings, your role changes a bit. You basically become the host of the evening. I usually meet up with the bride or the wedding planner before the event so that we can hammer out all of the details as to how the reception will play out. Every wedding will be different, but I have included a general script for you to follow as you proceed throughout the night.

Before we Start:

Before I take you through your wedding scripts, I want to address the common area of nervousness that most of my students project when they are about to perform at their first Wedding. It can be a bit scary for you the first time, but I can assure you it just gets easier and easier as time passes and you will actually start to enjoy these moments when you get to speak.

Exude confidence, smile while you're talking and have fun with it. The better you memorize the scripts below, the more comfortable you will be when you first get started. As time goes on, you won't need the scripts any longer and you can create your own!

Your Wedding Scripts:

1. When Your Guests First Enter The Room:

"Ladies and Gentlemen welcome to the reception of Mr. & Mrs. Smith.! Please find your seating and help yourself to the beverages and appetizers as we wait for the bride and groom."

2. Announcing the Wedding Party:

"Ladies & gentlemen, may I have your attention please?"

At this time we'd like to announce the wedding party. First up we have our bridesmaids and groomsman...

We have (bridesmaid 1) escorted by (groomsman 1). [Allow for applause] Next we have (bridesmaid 2) and (groomsman 2).... Etc."

3. Announcing the Bride & Groom for the 1st Time:

"Ladies & gentlemen, may I have your attention please? (Pause)"

Everyone on your feet! (make sure you get everyone standing)"

It is my pleasure to announce the arrival of our guests of honor! Put your hands together for Mr. and Mrs. (John Smith)!"

4. Announcing Dinner:

[When you have the ok from staff that the dinner is ready]

"Ladies and Gentleman, at this time we are going to open the buffet line. First we'll have our bride and groom, wedding party, and parents."

[After the wedding party has been served]

"Ladies & gentlemen, the buffet is now open to all guests."

5. Announcing the Toast:

[Make sure all the guests have a full glass of champagne first]

"Ladies and Gentleman, may I have your attention? We are ready for the toast. Here to start our toast is our best man (Mike Johnson)! Put your hands together!"

[You will continue to introduce the other members of the wedding party who wish to make a toast. You may also ask if there is anyone else who would like to say a few words.]

6. Announcing the Cake:

[Check with the staff first & make sure everyone is ready first.]

"Ladies & gentlemen, we are ready to cut the wedding cake at this time."

[Pause.]

I would like to welcome all guests to bring your cameras and share this moment with our bride and groom."

7. Announcing the First Dance:

"Ladies & gentlemen, this is the moment we've all been waiting for! Please focus your attention to the dance floor and get your cameras ready. [Pause.]

For the first time as a married couple, it is my pleasure to announce our bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. (John Smith)."

8. Announcing the Father-Daughter Dance:

"Next, our bride will dance with her father!" [Pause.]

"Put your hands together for the father-daughter dance!"

9. Announcing the Mother-Son Dance:

"Ladies & gentlemen, it is now time for the groom to dance with his mother!" [Pause.]

"Put your hands together for the mother-son dance!"

Announcing That The Dance floor Is Now Open:

"Alright ladies & gentlemen, the dance floor is now open to all guests at this time!"

[Right here slowly fade into a dance-starting song.]

"My name is DJ Mike and if you have any requests I'd love to play them for you!"

A Great Trick For Getting People To Dance:

There is nothing more awkward for a DJ than an empty dance floor and loud dancing music! The following is a POWERFUL technique for getting everyone on the dance floor moving and shaking every time! It was designed to work for Weddings, but it can work for EVERY occasion possible.

The DJ makes announcement the photographer is taking a group picture of everyone at the party in the middle of the dance floor. (If this is a Wedding, you can go so far as to say, "If you support this

new marriage, show it by making your way to the dance floor. If you remain sitting, you do not support this marriage)

You will need to get a photographer (or another guest with a camera) to prepare for taking the picture. Continue to encourage people to squeeze together in the center of the dance floor and pose for the picture. As soon as the photograph is taken, crank up some great dance music and watch the people start dancing!

10. Announcing the Money Dance (or Honeymoon Dance):

“Ladies & gentlemen, at this time we are going to do the Money Dance. The way this works is simple: They will line up behind [designated person taking the money] in order to dance with our bride and groom. By paying ones, tens, twenties, or hundreds, you help signify a good financial start to our bride and groom’s marriage. Let’s keep our dances short so everyone will get a chance. Don’t be shy so tap in quickly to dance!”

11. Announcing the Garter Toss:

[Put a chair on the middle of the dance floor and have bride sit down.]
“Ok, let’s get all single guys to the dance floor... it’s time to toss the Garter!” [Wait for them to arrive.]

“First our groom has to remove that garter from the bride. Everyone make lots of noise to help him out!”

[Play a song like “The Stripper” or “Yeah” while he removes garter from her leg. Once the garter is off have the groom turn his back to the single guys and toss it on a countdown like 5,4,3,2,1 toss!]

12. Announcing the Bouquet Toss:

“Ladies & gentlemen, it’s time to toss the bouquet! I need all single ladies to the dancefloor!” [Wait for them.]

[Have bride turn around with her back to the single ladies and toss on a 5,4,3,2,1 count!]

13. Announcing the Last Dance:

“Ladies and gentlemen, this night seemed to go by so fast, but our bride and groom wanted to dance to one last song before they exit. Please feel free to join them!”

14. Announcing the Bride/Groom Exit:

“Alright folks, at this time our bride and groom are exiting the building. I’d like to invite all guests to line up to see them off! There are (sparklers, bubbles, rice) for you so please line up at this time.”

In Conclusion:

A wedding reception is one of the most magical and memorable nights of a person's life. As the DJ, you get to partake in this event and help to truly contribute to the excellence of this event. Although you may feel added pressure, realize that this is also an opportunity for you to charge even more for your wedding package.

If you are still nervous about your wedding event, meeting in person with the bride or wedding planner to hammer out a schedule will help build confidence. Explain everything you will be announcing, and if there is anything else that needs to be added to the schedule, just make sure both parties are clear.

I can promise you this, once you do your first Wedding, you will be hooked! Seek out Wedding vendors as much as possible, these are the type of events you want to work whenever possible.