

First Dance - DJ / MC Coordination Checklist

- ***The Exact Version:*** Confirm the precise song version (e.g. "Acoustic Cover", "Radio Edit", or "Live Version").
Pro-Tip: To avoid surprises, send the DJ the specific audio file or a direct link rather than just the song title.
- ***The Announcement:*** Specify how you want to be introduced (e.g. "The newly wedded couple", "Mr. & Mrs. [name]", or "[First name] & [first name]").
Pro-Tip: Ask your DJ to avoid any chatter during your dance, until they invite your guests to the floor. The focus should be entirely on you and the music.
- ***The Cue to Start:*** Will the music be playing when you walk on the floor? Or should they wait for a physical cue from you?
Pro-Tip: Best way is start the music quietly while the announcement is made, then increase the volume for you to walk on the floor and start dancing.
- ***Duration and Fade-Out:*** If your song is 5 minutes long but you will only be dancing for 2 minutes, give them an exact time or visual cue to fade the music before the transition into party dancing.
- ***The "Hybrid" Transition:*** If you are doing a hybrid dance, the MC must know exactly when to invite guests to join you on the dance floor.
- ***Lighting:*** Your first dance should be well lit, so guests can see you clearly and the photographer can get the best quality pictures.
Pro-Tip: Request disco lights, lasers and colored spots are turned off during the dance—they create "dots" and color casts that ruin professional pictures.
- ***Mic Check:*** Ensure the MC knows where to stand, so they are not in the background of photos.