

# YOUR WEDDING REHEARSAL ®

## WHO LEADS THE REHEARSAL?

Most rehearsals are led by the wedding venue/facility staff or by a wedding planner/coordinator. Usually, the Minister or Officiant is not present. However, your Minister or Officiant will arrive early on the wedding day to make sure everyone knows where to stand and what to do.

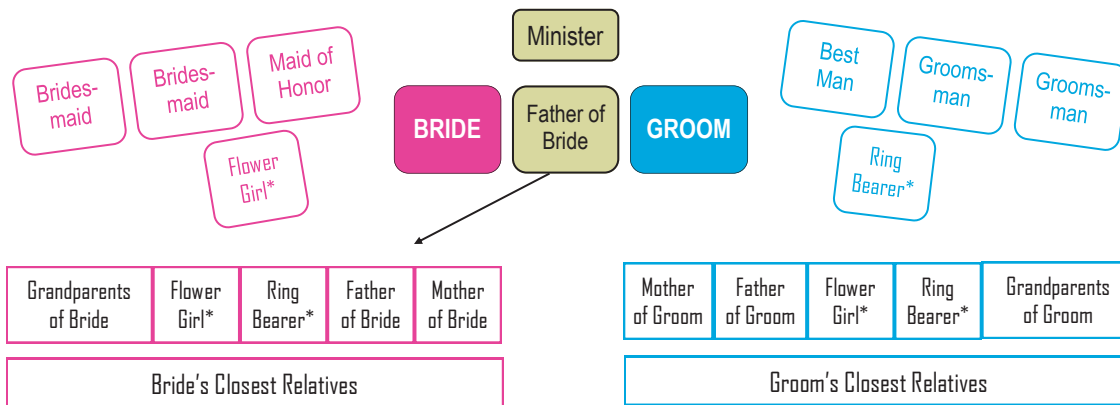
## WHAT IF I WANT THE MINISTER OR OFFICIANT TO LEAD THE REHEARSAL?

The Ceremony Fee includes a personally written ceremony, meetings with the minister, this detailed plan for a rehearsal, and a walk-thru rehearsal 60 minutes before the ceremony if desired. To have a minister present at a rehearsal the day before the wedding is an additional \$100.

## WHAT DO THE BRIDE AND GROOM REHEARSE?

Nothing! During the actual wedding ceremony, the Minister will tell the Bride and Groom EVERYTHING they need to do. They never have to remember what comes next or what to say.

## 1) Start your rehearsal by placing everyone where they will be DURING the ceremony.



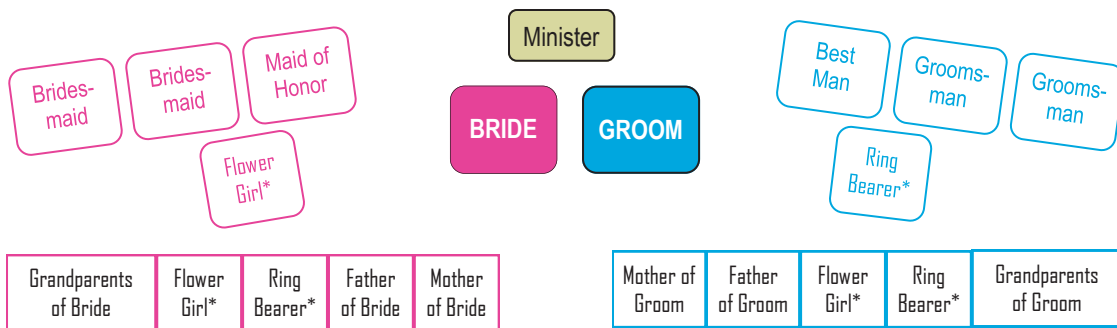
## 2) Next, practice the PROCESSIONAL (entry). Have everyone line up in the lobby in order, then practice walking down the aisle.

	↑	Groom's Grandparents	<i>enter one</i>
		Brides's Grandparents	<i>couple</i>
		Groom's Parents	<i>at a time</i>
		Mother of the Bride	
	↑	Minister	
		Groom	<i>enter</i>
		Best Man	<i>together in</i>
		Groomsman	<i>a single</i>
		Groomsman	<i>file line</i>
		Groomsman	
	↑	Bridesmaid	<i>enter one</i>
		Bridesmaid	<i>at a time</i>
		Bridesmaid	
		Maid/Matron of Honor	
		Ringer Bearer*	<i>If 5 years old or younger,</i>
		Flower Girl*	<i>should sit on front row</i>
			<i>during ceremony.</i>
		Bride & Father/escort	



## 3) Finally, practice the RECESSIONAL (exit).

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Mother & Father of the Bride  
 Mother & Father of the Groom  
 Brides's Grandparents  
 Groom's Grandparents  
 Bridesmaid & Groomsman  
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 Bridesmaid & Groomsman  
 Maid/Matron of Honor & Best Man  
 Ringer Bearer & Flower Girl

**BRIDE & GROOM LEAVE FIRST!**

## HELPFUL HINTS

- These notes and diagrams meant as suggestions, not requirements.
- The Ring Bearer should have "dummy" rings on the pillow. The Best Man should have both rings to give to Minister when asked.
- Once the bride is standing in front of the Pastor during the actual ceremony, he will tell the Bride and Groom EVERYTHING they need to do. They do not need to remember what comes next or what to say!
- The Father of the Bride (or escort) stands between the Bride and Groom at the beginning of the ceremony until he is asked, "Who gives this woman to be wed to this man?" After he replies "Her family and I," he can sit down.
- The Bride will hold her bouquet until the Pastor asks the Bride and Groom to face each other and hold hands. Then she will give her bouquet to the Maid of Honor.
- The Wedding Pastor must have your Marriage License BEFORE the ceremony!

## CEREMONY PLANNER

:	<b>Bride &amp; Bridesmaids arrive at venue</b> 60-120 minutes before ceremony begins
:	<b>Groom &amp; Groomsmen arrive at venue</b> 60-120 minutes before ceremony begins
:	<b>Ring Bearer &amp; Flower Girl arrive at venue</b> 60 minutes before ceremony begins
:	<b>Parents &amp; Grandparents arrive at venue</b> 60 minutes before ceremony begins
:	<b>Line up for Processional in lobby or hallway</b> 10 minutes before ceremony begins
:	<b>Ceremony Start Time</b>
:	<b>Reception Start Time</b>

**CAUTION:** Starting the ceremony 5-10 minutes late is not unusual. However, starting 15-20 minutes late (or later) will make some guests uncomfortable. Also, it may frustrate all the advance planning of caterers and vendors, negatively affecting your reception.