

Instructions For a Self-Guided R E H E A R S A L

Please speak to your event coordinator if you have any questions prior to the rehearsal. Your event coordinator or hostess will not be at your rehearsal. You or your officiant will be responsible for overseeing the rehearsal.

GENERAL:

- Give detailed directions to gather your officiant, bridal party, parents, and grandparents at the rehearsal space.
- Use your created Ceremony Line-Up (see attached) and have it printed and ready to use.
- Line up your wedding party in the order you have created (maid of honor and best man being last, if walking together).
- Practice unity ceremony if you are planning one. If this involves the wedding party moving out of the way, make sure they understand where they should go.
- Receive a verbal outline of the ceremony from the officiant.
- Practice everyone walking back down the aisle for the recessional, and where they should be waiting after the ceremony.

TIPS & TRICKS:

- Bouquets at the belly button for the most natural look.
- Do not walk until the person ahead is around halfway down the aisle.
- Make sure your parents and grandparents know where they are sitting. If they have a part in the unity ceremony, be sure they understand their role, timing, and location.
- If there is a song change for the parents, wedding party...etc, be sure they know their cue.
- Time your ceremony music, especially for larger processions, in case you need more than one song change. If you can, it's helpful to bring a speaker for the music.
- Do not lock your knees when standing at the altar, this could result in fainting.
- When looking towards the ceremony, men will stand on the right and ladies on the left.
- Remind everyone to silence their phones or remove them from their pockets completely.
- If an escort is walking multiple people, do not have them walk back down the center aisle- always go out and around to meet their partner at the beginning of the aisle.