



THROTTLE UP ENTERTAINMENT
EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS START HERE

FOR COUPLES CHOOSING A WEDDING DJ

Hiring Your Wedding DJ

The Do's, the Don'ts & the questions to ask before you sign

Your DJ sets the pace of your entire reception, from the grand entrance to the last dance. After years behind the mic at Northeast Florida weddings, here's what we wish every couple knew before booking.

Do SET YOURSELF UP FOR A GREAT NIGHT

- ✓ **Meet before you book**
Video chat or meet in person. They'll hold the mic all night, so chemistry matters.
- ✓ **Watch them in action**
Read recent reviews and ask for real event video.
- ✓ **Ask about the planning process**
Expect help with timeline, must-plays and announcements.
- ✓ **Confirm insurance early**
Many venues require a Certificate of Insurance (COI).
- ✓ **Get every detail in writing**
Date, hours, arrival time, equipment and what's included.
- ✓ **Share your vibe, then trust the pro**
Share your style and favorites, then let them read the room.

Don't AVOID THESE REGRETS

- ✗ **Don't book on price alone**
Compare experience, equipment, backup plans and reviews.
- ✗ **Don't skip the contract**
No contract means no guarantee of who shows up, or with what.
- ✗ **Don't let a friend with a playlist DJ**
A reception runs on timing, MC skills and backup gear.
- ✗ **Don't assume the venue has sound covered**
House systems often can't carry ceremony, toasts and dancing.
- ✗ **Don't over-script every song**
Leave room for your DJ to keep the dance floor full.
- ✗ **Don't leave music planning to the last month**
Popular dates book fast, and good planning takes time.

Questions to Ask Your Prospective DJ BRING TO EVERY CONSULTATION

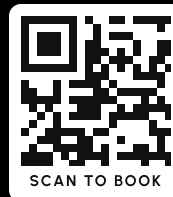
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| 01 Are you insured? Can you send our venue a COI? | 07 What are your overtime rates if the party's still going? |
| 02 What are your contract, deposit and payment terms? | 08 What's your policy on guest song requests? |
| 03 What backup gear do you bring, and who covers if you're ill? | 09 What will you wear on the day? |
| 04 Have you performed at our venue before? | 10 How early do you arrive, and what space and power do you need? |
| 05 Will you MC too? How would you describe your style? | 11 Do you provide ceremony sound and wireless mics? |
| 06 What does your planning process look like? | 12 Will the DJ we're meeting be the one at our wedding? |

PLANNING A WEDDING IN NORTHEAST FLORIDA?

Let's talk about your big day.

We'll walk you through every one of these questions, along with your timeline, music and must-have moments. Fully insured, upfront written contract, and on site at least two hours early for every wedding.

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