

# QUESTIONS TO ASK A DJ



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Hey There!

Thank you for downloading this list of the most important questions to ask any wedding DJ you are considering hiring. These questions will not only ensure your DJ meets professional standards, but will also help you accurately gauge the DJ's skill set, reliability, personality, honesty, and professionalism.

I understand that most engaged couples have never hired a Wedding MC & DJ before; this usually means couples also don't know what to ask when inquiring and meeting with potential wedding DJs. To help you make a more informed decision about who handles this very important role at your reception - as well as determining which of the wedding DJs you are considering is the right fit for you and your reception - I've compiled the following list of 67 questions you need to ask before you make a hiring decision.

This guide is split into three sections: questions to ask as you research and inquire with DJs in your area; questions to ask the wedding DJs you choose to meet with; and finally, questions that can be asked at any time, but do need to be answered before you hire your DJ.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance, please contact me via email or social media (my Facebook and Instagram handles are below). Good luck and happy wedding planning!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Schwartz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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# INQUIRY QUESTIONS

Ask these questions before deciding whether to schedule a consultation with the wedding DJ or not.

1. Do you have my date open?
2. Have you done weddings at my ceremony and/or reception venue before?
3. How many weddings have you done?
4. How many weddings will you do on the weekend of my wedding?
5. Do you perform at more than one wedding in a day?
6. Is this your full-time profession?
7. Do you carry liability insurance?
8. Are there any other services that you provide, such as uplighting or photo booths?
9. Do you have any video footage of your prior wedding performances?
10. Do you bring backup equipment?
11. Do you offer a written contract?
12. Will you be the DJ at our wedding?
13. If you are not our wedding DJ, may we meet our DJ before we sign a contract?
14. Can we request songs?
15. Do you take requests from our guests?
16. Can we submit a "Do Not Play" list?
17. What is your starting price for my wedding date?
18. What is the average price range most couples invest with you?
19. What is your policy on alcohol or smoking during the wedding?
20. Can you provide me with a 30+ minute sample of you DJing?
21. Do you have two wireless microphones available?
22. Do you set up a sign or banner with your equipment?

# CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

For the three to five wedding DJs you are most interested in hiring, ask these questions during your consultations with them.

1. Do you DJ exclusively for this company?
2. How many other types of events do you DJ per year?
3. If you DJ other events, what clubs, lounges, and corporate clients have you performed for in addition to weddings?
4. How will you customize the music experience for us?
5. What is your style as a MC and as a DJ?
6. Do you act as the Master of Ceremonies and make all of the announcements?
7. How would you introduce my (*insert formality here*)?
8. What do you do to motivate the crowd if nobody is dancing?
9. Will we meet again before the wedding?
10. How much time will you need for setup and breakdown on the day of the event?
11. What is your pricing, and what does it include?
12. How much is the deposit, and what is the payment schedule?
13. What is your refund policy if for some reason I need to cancel or change my date?
14. Are there any additional fees that I could accrue, like travel expenses or charges for special song requests?
15. How long will you hold our date for us?
16. Can you assist me in choosing the music for my Processional, Recessional, Cake Cutting, Father/Daughter Dance, etc.?
17. What kind of equipment will you use for my wedding, and what will the setup look like?
18. When do we need to submit our music requests and event details?
19. Do I need lighting for my dance floor, and if so, what will that look like?
20. Can we see a copy of your Certificate of Insurance (COI) for your general liability insurance policy?
21. What sets you apart from your competition?
22. Can you provide me with 3-4 recent couples that I can contact for references?
23. Do you have any questions for us?

# GENERAL QUESTIONS

These questions can be asked at any time and should be answered prior to making your final decision on which wedding DJ to hire.

1. How long have you been DJing professionally?
2. If the wedding lasts longer than scheduled, what are the overtime charges?
3. How extensive is your music library?
4. What genres are your specialty?
5. What genres are your weakness?
6. How do you keep your music collection up-to-date?
7. How involved can we be in selecting music for our event?
8. What happens if you don't have a song that we request?
9. Can you provide wireless lavalier (clip-on) mics for the ceremony?
10. Do you have any special electrical needs that I need to inform my venue about?
11. What if something happens to you and you can't make it to the wedding?
12. Can we visit you at another wedding performance?
13. What will you wear to our wedding?
14. What will you wear when you set up and break down your equipment?
15. What technical requirements do you require from us?
16. How many people will you staff at my wedding?
17. Do you require a meal?
18. Do you take breaks?
19. Will you meet with me at the venue for a site visit? Is there a charge?
20. What type of payment do you accept (*cash, check, credit card, Venmo, Pay Pal, etc.*)?
21. How far in advance do I need to secure your services?
22. Is there anything we should know about your services that I haven't asked about?

**THANK YOU FOR READING,**

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