

Rehearsal Guide: 3 Quick Steps!

#1: Sequence of Events- *What are you going to do?*

- You will want to decide this ahead of time and share it with your officiant. Will you have a reading? A soloist? When will you say your vows? (See the sample at the bottom of this page for an example.)

#2: Processional and Recessional- *Who walks with who?*

- Make sure your family and bridal party know what order to walk the aisle and who they are walking with. (We made a diagram on the next page just as a guide- suit it to fit you and your family.)

#3: Placement- *Where do you stand?*

- Your bridal party should know where to stand at or in front of the ceremony pavilion or stage. You'll want them to be symmetric and well-spaced for your audience to see.

Where & When Can We Rehearse?

Almost all of our couples rehearse during their 15-hour rental. We know it's non-traditional, but it absolutely works to practice on the day-of when everyone is already here & the weather is definite (inside or outside wedding?)

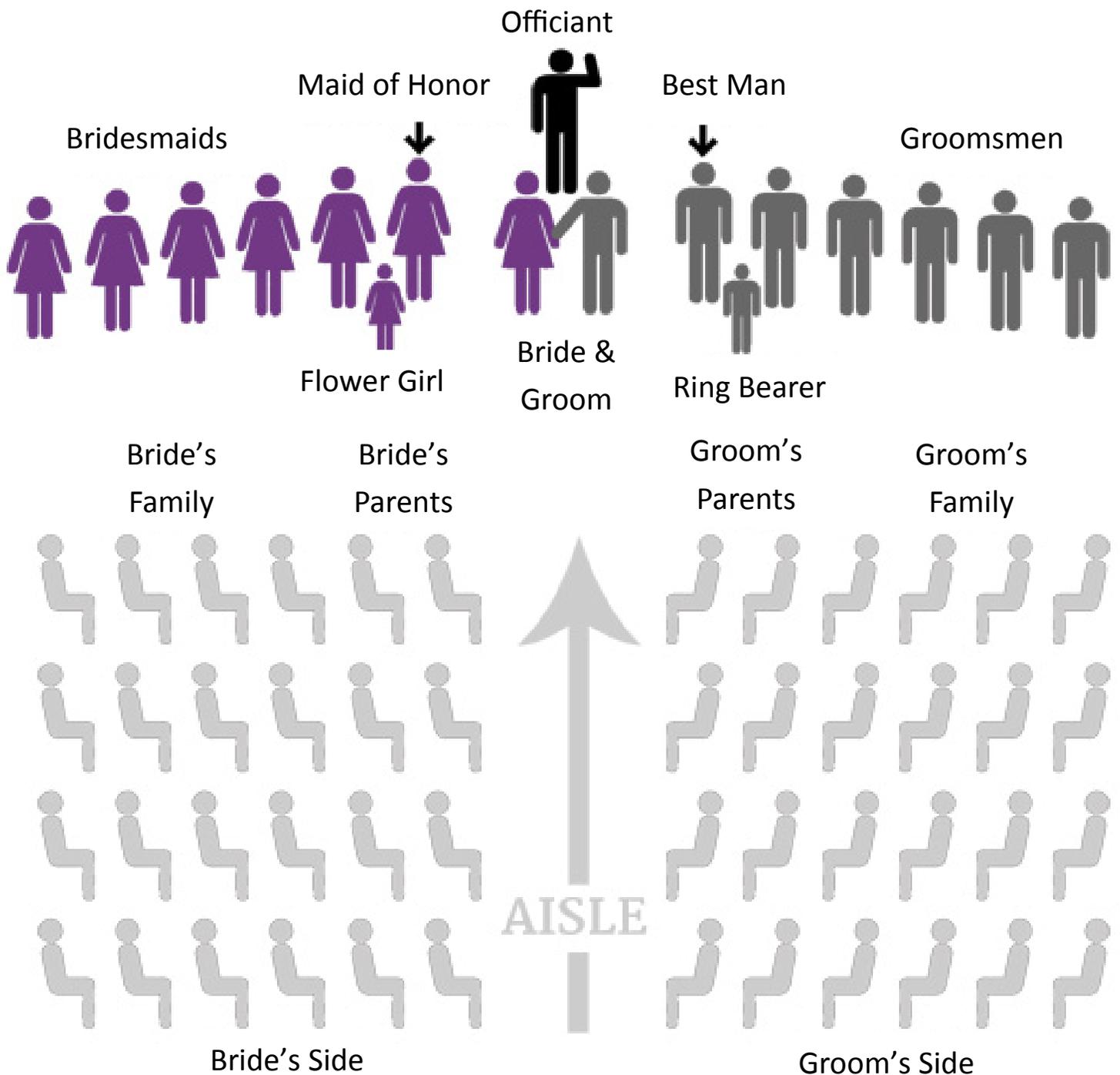
Think about the day before- there are so many last-minute arrangements to make, people are travelling, and once all together, it's time to catch up and celebrate! Enjoy this day, go to dinner together and spend that time with loved ones instead of stressing.

On the day of the wedding, everyone will be at the venue – a rehearsal only takes 15-20 minutes once *all are paying* attention (that really is the hardest part!) The rest is where to stand and in what order to walk in and out. To preserve the bride and groom's "first look," the actual walking and placement can be run through twice- once with the guys and once with the gals. Now, it's fresh on everyone's minds for a smooth ceremony.

Sample Sequence of Events

- Seating of the guests. Music begins about 15 minutes before your ceremony.
- Seating of the parents
- Groom, Best Man, and groomsmen take their places
- Bridal party procession
- Bride procession
- Exchange of vows
- Ceremony music (during candle-lighting or other non-verbal part of your ceremony)
- Ring exchange
- Kiss, officiant introduces you as the new Mr. and Mrs.
- Recessional

Quick Tip: Processional = walk to the ceremony / Recessional = walk out of the ceremony



Entrance Order (Processional)

1. Grandparents of the Groom
2. Grandparents of the Bride
3. Officiant, Groom, and Groomsmen
4. Parents of the Groom
5. Mother of the Bride
6. Bridesmaids
7. Maid of Honor
8. Flower Girl and Ring Bearer
9. Bride and Bride's Father

Exit Order (Recessional)

1. Bride and Groom
2. Maid of honor and Best Man
3. Bridesmaid and Groomsmen (in pairs)
4. Flower Girl and Ring Bearer
5. Parents of the Bride
6. Parents of the Groom
7. Grandparents of the Bride
8. Grandparents of the Groom
9. Officiant and Wedding Guests