

Frequently asked Questions

The following is a fairly comprehensive list of the most frequently asked questions that we receive. This list is also a good list of questions that an event planner should ask of any Disc Jockey that they are considering to hire. Please feel free to print out these questions and use them as a reference guide during your Disc Jockey interviews.

Q: How far in advance should I book my DJ?

A: Most good full-time DJ's will book up very quickly. I would suggest booking a DJ about a year in advance of a wedding reception and 4 to 6 months in advance of any other private function.

Q: How much will a wedding reception cost and why do DJ's charge such varying amounts?

A: Disc Jockeys vary greatly depending on services (lighting, props, etc.), experience, and area. The current range that I have seen for wedding receptions in this area is anywhere from a low-end of \$500, to a high end of \$1500. This is a very large range, and for good reason...there is certainly a very wide range of Disc Jockey talent available. Some people might say that a DJ's a DJ and hire based on price alone, this is probably the biggest mistake most reception planners can make. The phrase "you get what you pay for" is directly applicable in the Disc Jockey industry and I suggest that all reception planners closely analyze exactly what type of professionalism and quality they will expect and base their DJ decision on that expectation, and not price alone.

Q: What types of packages and pricing plans do you offer?

A: We offer many different options, and with our first meeting we can better discuss in more detail exactly what type of function your looking to have. Being the sole owner and operator, I have decided not to implement pre-priced packages. Instead, I have the flexibility to set my prices based on your exact needs and requirements, this way we can provide you with the best quality for the best price

Q: Do you have any video of your DJ performances?

A: Yes, if you really want to see a video I will be more than happy to provide you with one. However, I normally don't recommend choosing a DJ based on a video. First off, any person or DJ can show you a video of people having fun and dancing to music, that's easy. A video really does not do justice to all of the hard work, planning and attention to detail that every reception demands. Secondly, every A.E.P. Disc Jockey performance is exactly catered to the specific customer demands and the video that you might happen to see may not necessarily be the type of event that you have in mind. The best plan is to let us know what you want and let our experience and talent provide you with exactly that!

Q: Will you provide a written contract?

A: All customers will have to review and sign off on a contract to secure their desired date.

Q: What will it take to secure my date?

A: Once a signed off contract and the required deposit, normally about 20% of the total, are received; your date is booked!

Q: Can you provide a sound system for the Wedding Ceremony as well?

A: Absolutely, all of our DJ's maintain wedding processional and recessional music and can easily DJ a ceremony as well. Also, if required, wireless clip-on microphones can be provided so that all your guests won't miss a word of the ceremony!

Q: What happens if the equipment fails on the night of the event?

A: The systems that we use here at A.E.P. Disc Jockeys contain redundant back-up components; in other words, if one component fails then there is an automatic back-up built into the system. Many times, you won't even miss a beat. However, if there is an even bigger failure, we bring along enough equipment to replace any component and ensure the success of your party!

Q: Can we pick the music that we want played?

A: Absolutely, prior to your event, feel free to provide me with a list of 15-25 of your favorite songs that you like and I will work them into the event. However, I don't suggest that you try and list every song that you want played. Being a professional DJ I have plenty of experience with knowing exactly what song to play and when. Extensive song lists will only hold back my experience and abilities to make your party a success.

Q: What if there are songs we don't want to be played?

A: That is totally up to you, it's your party and if you don't want certain songs to be played, than please let me know. If a guest asks to play something you don't want played, I will politely explain that you don't want it played. However, I will suggest that you do not make this list too long as there are going to be many people at your event with a variety of musical tastes, and remember, they are your guests that your showing a good time!

Q: Are you going to be the DJ and MC for our event, or are you going to send us someone else?

A: Yes! If you hire A.E.P Disc Jockeys, The DJ you meet with, plan your event with, and trust to work your event, will be the DJ that shows up and makes your event a success. Since A.E.P. Disc Jockeys is currently owned and operated solely by myself, then in most instances it will be me, DJ Joe Mick, that you can expect to work with!

Q: What happens if you fall ill the day of our event?

A: Thus far in my extensive career, I have never missed a job. However, there is a possibility that it could happen. In this case, I have several very competent business partners whom I can contact if that day should come.

Q: Do you carry insurance?

A: Absolutely! In fact many banquet halls now require all DJ's to be insured. And this is for good reason, any incident ranging from breaking a window during set-up and/or unloading, all the way to the injury of a guest that accidentally trips on a wire is not something you want to be held responsible for!

Q: What makes A.E.P. Disc Jockeys different from other disc jockey companies?

A: Here at A.E.P Disc Jockeys we pride ourselves on providing exceptional customer service. Many of the bigger DJ companies out there will book your event, send some impersonal paperwork, and then send an inexperienced DJ to work your event; all the while paying him a ¼ of the price that they charged you. This will never happen with A.E.P. Disc Jockeys.... we'll work with you from step one all the way up to and through the night of your event. With us, you can expect total attention to detail, professionalism, a perfect atmosphere, and top-quality entertainment that will exceed your expectations!