

DiVieste Banquet Rooms Dinner Options

Traditional Dinner:

- With this dinner option, everyone eats together. We dismiss the tables after releasing the bridal party and reserved tables. It is what has traditionally been done at weddings over the years.

* **For example.** If you're renting the banquet facility from 6-11 pm, the guests arrive at 6 (sometimes a little before or after) and dine on cookies, or a light appetizer (if purchased). Dinner is usually served around 6:30 or 6:45 (7:00 at the latest), depending on when you and your bridal party make a grand entrance, toast, prayer, etc. You finalize this with us when your menu and other details are finalized.

Eating-As-You-Come-In

- This a new option that we pioneered over 10 years ago and couples love it as it manages your five (5) hours of reception time better. You structure your wedding in a way that the bridal party and immediate family can eat **one (1) hour** before the guests arrive. This time **is counted** as part of your 5 hours.

* **For example:** If you rented the hall from 6-11 pm: You, your bridal party and immediate family arrive at 6 pm and have dinner. You would tell the guests to arrive at 7 pm in their invitation. This way, you will all have eaten and can stand near the entrance and greet the guests as they arrive. After you greet the guests, they can then help themselves to the buffet line. Once everyone has arrived, you can go right into your festivities.

In order for this to work effectively, you have to be at the banquet facility **one (1) hour earlier than what you told your guests. **[So if you rent the facility from 6-11 pm, you're there at 6, the guest invitation says 7 pm.]** Guests are always early, and unpredictable things may hold you, or your bridal party up. Don't worry about losing an hour of reception time, because, as previously mentioned, your guests will be early AND there is less "down-time" when you structure your wedding this way.

*** **Whichever option you choose, please remember to coordinate this with your DJ as this is where misunderstandings can occur.**