

DiVieste's Banquet Centre

Dinner Options

'Traditional' Dinner: Everyone Eats Together

- With this dinner option, everyone eats together. We dismiss the tables after releasing the bridal party and reserved tables to the buffet line. This approach is what has been customary at wedding receptions over the years. You finalize this with us when your menu and other details are finalized.

* **Example Scenario:** *If you're renting the banquet facility from 6:00-10:00 pm, the guests arrive at 6:00 pm (sometimes a little before or after) and dine on cookies, or a light appetizer (if purchased). Dinner is usually served around 6:30 pm or 6:45 pm (7:00 pm at the latest), depending on when you and your bridal party make a grand entrance, toast, prayer, etc.*

Private Family Hour: Bridal Party Eats First, Then Guests Arrive

- This a new option that we pioneered over 20 years ago. You structure your wedding in a way that the bridal party and immediate family can eat **one (1) hour** before the guests are scheduled to arrive. **For this option, the time is part of your four (4) hours.** Many couples prefer this approach as your time is maximized using this method. The guests are fed quickly. You can then get introductions, cake-cutting and special dances out of the way early to allow more time for dancing and fun!

* **Example Scenario:** *If you rented the banquet hall from 6:00-10:00 pm: You, your bridal party and immediate family arrive at 6:00 pm and have dinner. You would tell the guests to arrive at 7:00 pm on 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 6:00-10:00 pm, you're there at 6:00, the guest invitation says 7:00 pm.]**

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