



Tips for Giving the Perfect Toast

Generally, the **best man** acts as the toastmaster, and prepares a list of the order in which each person will make a toast. There is an established protocol which the couple may or may not choose to follow.

Microphones: You may want to check with the hired musicians for the use of their microphone if the rehearsal or reception is in a **very large area** and people may have a hard time hearing. You might also consider if the sound system will be set up when you need to speak.

Special Considerations: If you, or someone else, will not be able to stand as you deliver your toast, you may want to make special arrangements ahead of time to move to a location where you will be seen by all.

Rehearsal Dinner

You might follow this order:

- The best man toasts the bride
- The bride toasts the groom
- The groom toasts the bride's mother
- The bride's father may toast the groom's parents

During the Reception

You might follow this order:

- The best man toasts the bride and groom
- The groom toasts the bride and her family
- The two fathers toast the bride and groom
- The bride and groom toast each other

Tips for that Perfect Toast

- Don't be long-winded.
- Stand to give a toast; remain seated to receive one.
- Prepare ahead of time; know what you are going to say.
- Mention those you are toasting by name, your relationship to them, and a thought about this wonderful event.
- Add witty anecdotes wherever possible, if they are in good taste.
- Speak slowly and loudly enough for all guests to hear.
- You may want to avoid consuming alcohol before your toast.
- Don't forget to cap off the toast with a hearty ending like "Cheers!"