



### Tips for creating an energetic floor plan!

Your DJ's location in relation to the dance floor is a critical factor in creating a high energy reception. Avoid placing your DJ in a corner away from the dance floor. Sound and lighting will be compromised, or cables and wires will need to be placed between tables to locate speakers and lights near the dance floor. And that becomes a safety issue with guests and servers moving about. Also, your DJ should have a complete view of the room in order to MC reception events effectively. If you hide your DJ away in a corner, your reception's energy level will suffer because your DJ will have difficulty seeing what's happening.

Also, avoid seating guests between the DJ and the dance floor. Guests who are forced to sit directly in front of the DJ speakers will complain about how loud the music is even before the dancing begins. Your DJ can provide his best service and maintain the energy of your reception when he is located next to the dance floor.

The DJ's setup location described above assumes that the dance floor is both centrally located in the reception area and is of a reasonable size for the number of guests. Dance floors that are too small or too large will diminish the energy of your reception.

Some reception halls have been known to book more guests than they can comfortably accommodate and in turn drastically reduce the size of the dance floor. This situation will discourage your guests from dancing. However, some venues will provide a dance floor designed for 300 guests even though your guest list is under 100. An overly large dance floor results in the feeling of an empty dance floor! Both scenarios are guaranteed to kill the energy of your reception no matter where your DJ setup is located, because your guests will not be comfortable on the dance floor. When discussing your arrangements with your venue, insist that the dance floor is centrally located and the correct size to accommodate the number of guests you anticipate.

*Recommendations: A 15'x15' dance floor is perfect for 50-75 guests. Add 2'-3' to both length and width for each additional 20-25 anticipated guests.*