

# Your Wedding Planner

There is a protocol governing the order of arrival at formal weddings. The more informal and less traditional your ceremony, the more you are free to arrive and leave as you like. Below are the traditional orders of procession and recession, plus the order in which you and your wedding party stand at the altar or area where the ceremony will be performed.

**processional:**

*Altar/Ceremony area*

officiant

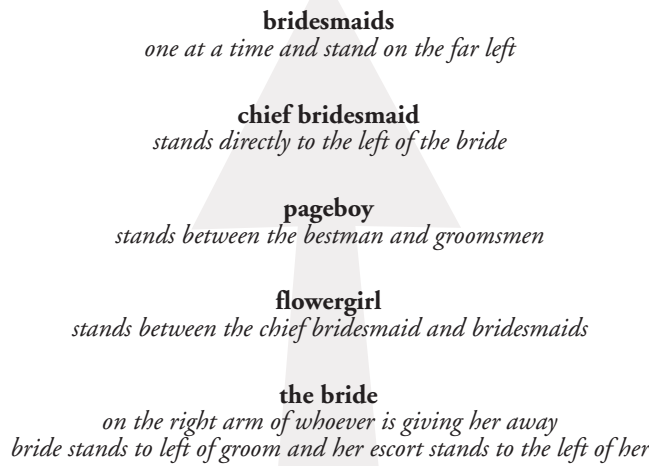
**groom, bestman, groomsmen**

**mother and father of the bride  
grandparents of bride and other relatives**

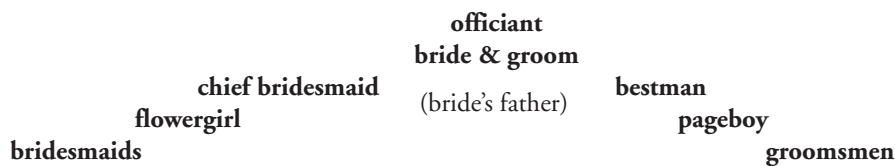
**mother and father of the groom  
grandparents of groom and other relatives**

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Once they have processed down the aisle, the guests will see you in the following order as you face the officiant:



**recessional:**

*Altar/Ceremony area*

officiant

**bridesmaids with groomsmen  
chief bridesmaid with bestman  
flowergirl with pageboy  
bride & groom leave the ceremony first**

*(on his right arm)*

