

Traditional Weddings

Very Formal Evening & “White Tie” Affair

GROOM	Black Full Dress (tailcoat) with white wing collar pique shirt, white pique vest and bow tie. May wear sprig from bride’s bouquet as boutonniere.
BEST MAN, GROOMSMEN, USHERS, JUNIOR GROOMSMEN	Identical to groom with different boutonnieres.
FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS	Identical to groom with different boutonnieres.
RING BEARER	Identical to groom.
GUESTS	Should wear tuxedos or, if you specify, “White Tie” on invitations, guests should wear full dress identical to groom.

Formal Evening

GROOM	Black, navy or gray tuxedo, white pleated formal shirt, bow tie, vest or cummerbund to match tuxedo lapels. White dinner jacket with formal trousers for summer or tropical climates.
BEST MAN, GROOMSMEN, USHERS, JUNIOR GROOMSMEN	Same as groom, perhaps with different boutonniere.
FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS	Same as groomsmen.
RING BEARER	Identical to groom.
GUESTS	Should be formally dressed. Specify “Black Tie Requested” on invitations.

Very Formal Daytime

GROOM	Cutaway coat, contrasting trousers (striped or nailhead), gray or black vest, ascot, or striped four-in-hand tie.
BEST MAN, GROOMSMEN, USHERS, JUNIOR GROOMSMEN	Stroller – Similar to groom in style with possible variation in tie or shirt.
FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS	Stroller – Same as groom or same as ushers.
RING BEARER	Identical to groom.
GUESTS	You may suggest “Traditional Morning Attire” on invitations if you would like your guests to be formally dressed. They would then choose formal attire similar to the groom’s.

Semi-Formal Evening

GROOM	Black, navy or gray tuxedo, white pleated formal shirt, bow tie, vest or cummerbund to match tuxedo lapels. Flexibility with accessories and color is appropriate. White dinner jacket with formal trousers for summer or tropical climates.
BEST MAN, GROOMSMEN, USHERS, JUNIOR GROOMSMEN	Identical to groom, perhaps with different boutonniere.
FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS	Same as groomsmen or same as ushers.
RING BEARER	Identical to groom.
GUESTS	Formal wear optional.

Contemporary Weddings

Very Formal Evening

GROOM	Black Full Dress (tailcoat) with white or white pique bow tie and vest. Shirt coordinating with tailcoat, tie and vest or cummerbund, matching in color, except if wearing black full dress, wear white wing collar shirt with white vest and bow tie.
BEST MAN, GROOMSMEN, USHERS, JUNIOR GROOMSMEN	Similar to groom or in classic tuxedo.
FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS	Same as groom, same as ushers, or in classic tuxedo.
RING BEARER	Identical to groom.
GUESTS	Formal wear similar to groom. For an elegant mood, specify "Black Tie Invited" on invitation; guests will wear black tuxedos.

Formal Evening

GROOM	Tuxedo or tailcoat, in range of colors: Dark for fall and winter; lighter shades for spring and summer; white for any time of year. Shirts: white or coordinate with tuxedo color.
BEST MAN, GROOMSMEN, USHERS, JUNIOR GROOMSMEN	Formal wear similar to groom in style, however, if groom chooses a tailcoat, ushers can wear similar color tuxedos. White shirts or color to coordinate with tuxedos. Ties and cummerbunds can be of coordinating colors to bridesmaids.
FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS	Similar to ushers or classic black tuxedo.
RING BEARER	Same as groom. Can use colored tie and cummerbund to match flower girl.
GUESTS	Formal wear optional. For an elegant evening, specify "Black Tie Invited" on invitations.

Very Formal Daytime

GROOM	Updated cutaway in black, dark or light gray shades with striped matching trousers, white shirt, striped ascot or tie.
BEST MAN, GROOMSMEN, USHERS, JUNIOR GROOMSMEN	Similar to groom in style, or can wear matching stroller coats with striped or matching trousers. Usually same color as the groom.
FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS	Same as groom, same as ushers, or in classic tuxedo.
RING BEARER	Same as groom, but can also wear stroller coat.
GUESTS	Formal wear optional.

Semi-Formal Evening

GROOM	Tuxedo or tailcoat, in range of colors: Dark for fall and winter; white and light shades for spring or tropical climates. Updated stroller coat with striped trousers.
BEST MAN, GROOMSMEN, USHERS, JUNIOR GROOMSMEN	Similar to groom, coordinated color.
FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS	Either similar to the male attendants or formal wear of own choice.
RING BEARER	Same as groom, or coordinated with groomsmen.
GUESTS	Formal wear optional.

Special Notes and Recommendations

Add the Finishing Touch...

It is highly recommended that all members of the wedding party wear patent formal shoes to coordinate with their formal attire. This makes for a complete formal look and adds to your wedding photos. Always remind all of your male attendants to have proper hosiery to coordinate with the tuxedo they are wearing.

For your Out-of-Town Participants...

Notify your out-of-town relatives and friends that you want them to be a part of your special day well in advance! Ask these participants to go to a formal wear specialist in their area to be measured for their tuxedo. Tuxedo specialists usually provide complimentary measurements free of charge. Norman's Tuxedos provides free measurement cards for this purpose. Mail one to each out-of-town participant and have him return it to Norman's with complete and accurate measurements. This will assure there will be no problems with their ensembles when they arrive for your ceremony.

For Great Looking Wedding Photography...

Friends and relatives who may not be in your ceremony but will be included in your wedding pictures will look great if they too are dressed in a tuxedo. Fathers, grandfathers, brothers, children and grandchildren would be natural choices to dress-up in style. As a result, your family and friends will not only feel more a part of your wedding, you will have some beautiful and coordinated wedding photography to cherish for many years to come.