



10 Questions to Ask Before Hiring Your DJ

The ADJA (American DJ Association) and BAMMA (Bay Area Mobile Music Association) are dedicated to raising the standards for professional disc jockeys. Their goals are to help you plan and create a successful event.

- 1.** Are we guaranteed the DJ of our choice on the day of our event?
A written contract with your specific DJ protects you from unscrupulous operators.
- 2.** Will you coordinate, MC, and organize the activities at our event?
A well-planned, timed, and coordinated event will ensure your and other vendors' activities are smoothly completed before your event-time ends.
- 3.** How many years of experience do you have?
Experience brings a knowledge of common problems and situations. Be sure your DJ has experience with your type of event.
- 4.** Can we select the music to be played?
Yes, you can select all or let the DJ make the selection based on your music style preferences. Your DJ should also be able to take requests and play the song, if appropriate.
- 5.** May we call your references?
References are a major part of the entertainment business.
- 6.** Do you use professional gear?
Using professional sound equipment (including pro CD players) helps ensure reliable service and quality presentation.
- 7.** Are you insured?
Insurance is a part of any legitimate business. Liability and casualty policies protect you, your guests and your DJ company.
- 8.** How early will you be there to set up?
An average of 60 minutes should be allowed for set up and sound check. Normally there is no additional charge for this service.
- 9.** Will you provide back-up equipment at our event?
Weddings, Bar Mitzvahs and special events are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Back-up equipment protects your investment.
- 10.** How will you be dressed?
Proper attire reflects a positive image to your guests.

