

Music & Entertainment Policy

FOR COUPLES, DJS, BANDS & PERFORMERS

Moonacre's music arrangements are designed to keep the evening flowing properly while ensuring every wedding remains within the venue's licensed hours and sound-management requirements. Please share this policy with every DJ, band and entertainment supplier before the wedding day.

The two rules nobody should miss

1. ALL LIVE BANDS MUST FINISH BY 9:00 PM - STRICT.
2. Any late extension applies after 11:00 PM to DJ / playlist music only.

Licensed Music Hours

Standard music hours begin at 12:00 noon. The permitted finish time depends on the day of the week.

DAY	STANDARD FINISH	AVAILABLE EXTENSION	ABSOLUTE LATEST FINISH
Sunday - Thursday	11:00 PM	No extension	11:00 PM
Friday	11:00 PM	To midnight	12:00 AM
Saturday	11:00 PM	To midnight OR 1:00 AM	1:00 AM

LATE MUSIC EXTENSIONS

- Extensions are not automatic. The relevant late finish must be booked and confirmed with Moonacre in advance.
- If no extension has been confirmed, music stops at 11:00 PM.
- There is no extension available Sunday to Thursday. Friday can run only to midnight. Saturday can run to midnight or, where the 1:00 AM extension is booked, to 1:00 AM.

Live Bands - 9:00 PM Hard Stop

- Every live band must be completely finished by 9:00 PM. This is a strict venue requirement.
- A midnight or 1:00 AM extension does not extend the band's performance time.
- A typical evening works well with the band from around 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, followed by a DJ or curated playlist through Moonacre's in-house system.

Please plan speeches, first dance and band sets with the 9:00 PM band cut-off in mind - it arrives surprisingly quickly.

Sound System & Supplier Requirements

Moonacre In-House Sound System

- All DJs and amplified entertainers must use Moonacre's in-house Funktion-One sound system as the principal PA system.
- External PA speakers, bass bins, subwoofers or separate personal sound systems are not permitted.
- Performers should arrive prepared to connect to the venue system. Two XLR cables / connections are required for the normal setup.
- The only general exception is an acoustic performer outside providing background music without an amplified external PA. Timings must still be agreed with Moonacre.

For DJs

- Use the Moonacre sound system only; do not bring additional PA speakers or subs.
- Have the required XLR connections/cables ready and allow enough setup time before guests need music.
- After 9:00 PM, venue sound-management and limiter requirements must be followed.
- Music must stop at the exact licensed finish time for that booking - there is no extra "one more song" period.

For Bands

- The band must finish by 9:00 PM, regardless of any late music extension.
- Moonacre's system remains the principal PA. Extra PA speakers or subwoofers are not permitted.
- Normal instrument backline may be used only where agreed; it must not be used to bypass venue sound control.
- Drums are not to be mic'd or amplified through an additional system.

Sound Management on the Night

Moonacre staff are responsible for keeping entertainment within the venue's permitted sound levels and licensed hours. Suppliers must cooperate immediately with any request to reduce volume, alter setup or stop music.

- Do not disconnect, bypass or interfere with the venue sound-management equipment.
- No additional speakers may be introduced after setup without Moonacre approval.
- If a supplier does not comply with venue instructions, Moonacre may reduce or stop the music to protect the licence and the event.

Before the Wedding

- The couple must send this policy to the DJ, band and any other entertainment supplier before the wedding.
- Suppliers should contact Moonacre before the event if their setup differs from the requirements above.
- Late music extensions must appear on the final wedding plan / Order of the Day so the venue team and entertainment supplier are working to the same finish time.
- All entertainment suppliers must complete Moonacre's separate supplier form before attending site.