

Formalwear Etiquette

The attire you wear for your wedding will depend largely on the kind of wedding you and your fiance want to have. There's a formalwear style for every kind of wedding, day or night, traditional or modern. Use these guidelines however, your choice should reflect your personal taste as well.

Contemporary				
Participant	Very Formal Evening	Formal Evening	Very Formal Daytime	Semi Formal Evening
Groom	Black full dress, tailcoat. 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.	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 coordinating colors.	Cutaway in black, dark or light grey shades with striped matching trousers, white shirt, striped ascot or tie.	Tuxedo or tailcoat, in range of colors...dark for fall/winter...white and light shades for spring or tropical climates. Stroller coat with trousers.
Best Man Groomsmen Ushers / Jr. Groomsmen	Similar to groom, or same as ushers, or in classic tuxedo.	If groom chooses a tailcoat, ushers can wear similar color tuxedos. Ties and cummerbunds can be of coordinating colors to bridesmaids.	Cutaway in black, dark or light grey shades with striped matching trousers, white shirt, striped ascot or tie.	Tuxedo or tailcoat, in range of colors...dark for fall/winter...white and light shades for spring or tropical climates. Stroller coat with trousers.
Father / Grand- fathers	Same as groom, same as ushers, or in classic tuxedo.	Similar to ushers, or in classic black tuxedo.	Same as groom, same as ushers, or classic tuxedo.	Similar to the male attendants, or formalwear of own choice.
Ring- Bearers	Same as groom.	Same as groom. Use colored tie and cummerbund to match flower girl.	Same as groom, but can also wear stroller coat.	Same as groom or to coordinate with groomsmen.
Guests	"Black tie invited" on invitation; guests will wear black tuxedos.	Formalwear optional or "black tie invited".	Formalwear optional.	Formalwear optional.