



Sikh Society of Minnesota

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Marriage Ceremony Rules

For the Host Families, Friends and Relatives

With the blessings of the Akal Purakh (The Universal Creator), the most important time of your life has arrived. With the Grace of God, you have come to the Guru's door (Gurudwara) to seek blessings on this auspicious occasion. The Management Committee of the Sikh Society of Minnesota welcomes you and thanks you and your family for choosing this Gurudwara for your wedding ceremony. The Gurudwara Management Committee is committed to make your celebration a memorable occasion.

The Management Committee of this Gurudwara urges you to spend some time to take a tour of the Gurudwara facilities, and to discuss your plans for your events at the Gurudwara Sahib. The Management Committee has developed the following rules to ensure that your wedding day celebrations are memorable and remain respectful of the Sikh Gurudwara Sahib's traditions and show respect to the surrounding community.

1. The Sikh Society of Minnesota Management Committee can hold a date _____ for your wedding function for a deposit of \$750.00 and this deposit will be credited towards the wedding gratuity. In case the wedding date is cancelled after 30 days of initial booking, you will receive \$500.00 refund of the initial deposit of \$750.00. The wedding gratuity includes Bhai Sahib Services, Kitchen, Utilities and Disposable supplies.

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2. The Management Committee does not permit dancing, playing *Dhol* and horse riding inside the Gurudwara premises. Please be considerate to the noise, traffic congestion and inconvenience you may cause to our neighbors, resulting in complaints from them.

3. The Management Committee strictly prohibits discharging any firearms/fireworks as a form of celebration.

4. The Management Committee strictly prohibits consumption and/or possession of alcohol and tobacco within the Gurudwara premises as it is against the Sikh Religion.

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5. The host families are encouraged to decorate only the Langar Hall as part of the celebrations. Decorations are not allowed on the walls and pillars in the Langar Hall. Decorating inside of the Darbar Sahib (Congregation Hall) is strictly prohibited.

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6. The Management Committee strictly prohibits throwing flower petals and/or confetti while walking in front of the bride, holding candles or any type of lights and no fabric/canopy should be suspended above the bride's head when the bride enters the Darbar Hall.

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7. The *lavan* ceremony is performed as per Sikh *Rehat Maryada* adopted by SGPC. The Management Committee urges you not to throw flower petals and/or confetti during or after the *lavan* ceremony.

Changes to Terms and Conditions. We may, at any time, and at our sole discretion, modify this Agreement with or without notice. If You do not agree to any modification of this Agreement, You must immediately cancel Your booking. Continue keeping Your booking following any such modifications will constitute Your acceptance of the modified Agreement.

Signing this document indicates that you have reviewed, acknowledged and accepted the above guidelines. The Gurudwara Management Committee also expects that you, as the host family, will take on the responsibility to discuss these guidelines with your friends and relatives. We thank you for your consideration and wish you all the best during this auspicious occasion.

X _____
Name of the Responsible Host Family Member

X _____
Alternate Responsible Contact Name

X _____
Telephone Number

X _____
Telephone Number

X _____
Signature of the Responsible Host Family Member

X _____
Date