

Top Dog Productions

"Your Entertainment Professionals"

DJ Comparison Chart

You are planning for your event and it comes time to choosing the right entertainment. When shopping for a DJ, you find there are several to choose from and prices ranging drastically between them. There are DJ's with little or no experience who perform at events for a few extra bucks and then there are those who can be considered professionals, operate legitimate businesses, and plan and perform at events for a living.

On This Sheet Are Several Questions You May Want To Ask A Prospective Disc Jockey To See If They Meet Up To Your Expectations When Making Your Final Decisions In Selecting Entertainment.

Ask The DJ These Questions.	Record 1st DJ's Results Here	Record 2nd DJ's Results Here	Things To Consider
Am I Talking To The Person Who Will DJ/MC My Event?			Many companies may have more than one DJ. Make sure you know who will actually be performing at your event.
Is Your Company Insured?			Nowadays, venues are forced to be more strict with outside vendors due to their own insurance policies. They may actually require DJ's performing on their premises to carry proof of liability insurance. A DJ with insurance is also showing that they take their business seriously.
Do You Provide A Written Agreement?			An agreement or "contract" is written proof that your DJ is serious about committing to you as a client. Can you really trust someone who does nothing more than just verbally agree to show up at your event?
Can You Meet Personally With Me Before I Sign A Contract?			It is a good idea to meet your Disc Jockey before committing to a contract. This way you can be assured that you are comfortable with this DJ performing at your event.

<p>Do You Have A Membership In Any Disc Jockey Associations?</p>			<p>Another way you can determine a DJ's seriousness about their business is to ask if they belong to any associations. These associations are a great tool for a DJ to become more knowledgeable in the industry in addition to networking and sharing ideas to benefit you; the client.</p>
<p>Does Your Company Use Professional Equipment, And How Is It Displayed?</p>			<p>A DJ's equipment appearance should be as good as their personal appearance. The worst thing is having your venue beautifully decorated and then seeing the DJ table with a home-stereo and a mess of wires on it. A serious DJ will budget for professional gear and roadcases and have their setup neatly displayed.</p>
<p>Do You Bring Back-up Equipment?</p>			<p>A DJ should also carry back-ups for all major sound equipment. You don't want a short evening because a cd player or amplifier failed and he didn't have a spare.</p>
<p>Do You Have A Wireless Microphone?</p>			<p>A wireless microphone should be a standard item for a professional DJ. It allows him/her to move around freely to help in coordinating the evening's events while making announcements.</p>
<p>Is Your Music Library Up To Date and Legit?</p>			<p>With the technology of free music downloads from the internet, you will find a lot of DJ's illegally using these tracks. A professional DJ will legally purchase their music and most likely belong to a music subscription service. These subscription services contain edited tracks and are usually updated monthly.</p>
<p>How Will You Handle Obscure Song Requests?</p>			<p>As a professional, a DJ should know his music collection have enough courtesy to play only what is appropriate for the event. In a circumstance where an obscure request is made, a DJ needs to decide whether or not it is "OK" to play or confirm with you, the client.</p>