

## Frequently Asked Questions – Weddings

### **Is there a food and beverage minimum?**

Yes. The Sunday-Friday food & beverage minimum starts at \$20,000. The peak season\* Sunday-Friday food & beverage minimum starts at \$25,000. The Saturday food & beverage minimum starts at \$25,000. The peak season\* Saturday food & beverage minimum starts at \$30,000.

*\*Peak season generally applies to May and October-December and days that fall on or near a holiday. This is subject to change.*

### **Do you allow outside catering?**

No. We do not allow outside catering. We have an in-house Executive Chef and beautifully crafted California Cuisine menus available to view upon request.

### **Is a wedding planner/coordinator required?**

The Ebell requires that Patron secures a professional, licensed, and insured wedding planner. The Ebell highly advocates for full-service planning. However, a planner who onboards twelve (12) to fourteen (14) weeks prior to the wedding date is the minimum required, with a minimum of one (1) assistant on the event day. Planners outside of The Ebell "Exclusive Planners List" are required to meet with and be approved by the Ebell Special Events Team before Patron books Planner. Patron understands that when a Wedding Planner is approved, there is a separate agreement that outlines the Wedding Planner responsibilities and Ebell expectations that must be signed by all parties (Ebell, Patron, Wedding Planner). Planners booked from The Ebell "Exclusive Planners List" have already reviewed and signed the separate agreement.

### **What is the average budget for weddings that take place at The Ebell?**

The average budget (ranging between venue, food, beverage, A/V, etc.) is approximately \$100,000. We share this to be transparent about the cost.

### **Can there be changes made to the menu?**

Minor changes\* can be made, however, customization is generally not allowed.

*\*Fees may apply.*

### **Can we provide our own bar?**

Our liquor license and conditional use permit require that we provide all alcohol for events.

### **What time must the bar close?**

According to our permits, our bar must close at least 30 minutes prior to the ending event time. The latest time the bar can stay open is 11:30 p.m.

### **Are shots allowed?**

Unfortunately, no. Please make this clear to your guests to avoid any potential conflicts.

### How late can our event go?

12:00 a.m. with vendors completely loaded out by 1:00 a.m.

### Does the Ebell require liability insurance?

Yes. We require insurance from the Patron and all vendors that will be on property during the venue rental period.

### Is there parking?

Yes. We have two parking lots and street parking. A wedding rental includes use of one parking lot based on your guest entrance and rooms used.

### Can we have an outdoor ceremony?

Yes. We have a beautiful garden onsite that can accommodate 200+ seats!

### Can the Ebell be rented for the ceremony only?

No. We reserve the rental of our exclusive clubhouse for events with either a ceremony and reception or reception only.

### How many people can we have at our event?

#### Lounge

300 seated for ceremony  
170 seated with dance floor; 220 without  
300 maximum for cocktail-style

#### Art Salon

132 seated for ceremony  
100 seated without dance floor  
150 maximum for cocktail style

#### Garden

200 seated for ceremony (*additional 50 on terrace is possible*)  
150 for seated dinner  
400 maximum for cocktail-style

#### Dining Room

250 seated with dance floor; 300 without  
400 maximum for cocktail-style

### Are live flame candles allowed?

Yes. And only with a fire permit. Please ask the Special Events Department for more information.

### Can we have a wedding ceremony rehearsal onsite?

Wedding rehearsals are not included. Upon request and based on availability, a wedding rehearsal may be scheduled with the Special Events Office no sooner than three (3) business days prior to the wedding date.

### Is there a service charge?

Yes. It is calculated at 21% and are applied to food, beverage, and labor. This charge covers our operating costs and supports our non-profit organization. It is **not** a gratuity.