

Questions to Ask Videographers

- What's the videographer's style—artsy, documentary, or direct (doing interviews with guests)? Does this jibe with what you want?
- Has the videographer done many weddings? What's his or her approach when it comes to taping a wedding? (This clues you in to experience and philosophy.)
- Has the videographer worked with your photographer before? How does he or she coordinate with a wedding photographer? (This is really important!)
- Has this person ever shot a wedding at your ceremony and/or reception site? If so, can you see that tape?
- How many other weddings is the videographer doing on your wedding day or weekend? (Make sure there are no time constraints.)
- Will the videographer you're speaking to be the one who will shoot your wedding?
- What kind, how many, and how new are the cameras, tapes, and microphones the videographer uses? (Can you get a DVD instead of a video?)
- If you want editing, ask about the equipment the tape will be edited on. (Typically, a digital video-editing system will produce the most professional-looking video, but it depends on the quality of the equipment itself.)
- How obtrusive are the shooting style and the crew? How bright are the lights they use? (If the shooting requires the room lights to be on all evening, much of the romance may be lost.)
- How does the videographer charge? Are there packages? Ask for a price list.