



# **WEDDING DO'S AND DONT'S**

The following are summarized instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) on [wedding-related issues](#). Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) has instructed that if any Ahmadi Muslim observes any inappropriate action at any of these functions, they should inform the appropriate individual(s) to stop it. If it continues, it is the duty of that Ahmadi Muslim to leave that function and report that behavior to the relevant Jamaat officeholder.

### **Mehndi**

- Mehndi is permissible, not obligatory.
- Do not hold multiple mehndis.
- Mehndi should be held in the bride's home, limited to her female relatives and close friends, and the groom's female relatives.
- Backyard/deck shouldn't be used.
- If the bride's home is small, seek permission from National Amir to rent a space.
- No sound system or excessive lighting should be used.
- Noise should not reach beyond the home.
- Songs should be of a decent nature.
- Only the bride's family provides the henna.
- Dancing is forbidden.
- Avoid extravagant spending for the stage, decoration, invitation cards, clothing, food, cars, etc.
- Ronaq (i.e., groom's mehndi) is very strongly discouraged.

### **Wedding/Shaaadi**

- Strict separation of genders is required.
- Strict observation of purdah is required.
- The program consists of tilawat, poem, and collective dua. Avoid speeches.
- Avoid extravagant spending for the stage, decoration, invitation cards, clothing, food, cars, etc.
- Music is forbidden.
- Dancing is forbidden.
- No male may wear a ring made of gold.
- Un-Islamic rituals like giving the groom milk while hiding his shoes to demand money are forbidden.
- Male photographers are not allowed on the female side.
- Male servers are not allowed on the female side.
- The father may not walk the bride into the women's side or the bridegroom receiving the bride on the women's side when non-family women are present.
- The groom may go to the female's side after purdah-observing non-relative women have been informed. An announcement should be made so they can observe their purdah, or leave the gathering.
- The groom and his family may come to the women's side only when all of the bride's non-relative female guests are not present.
- Non-family members are not allowed to videotape family events.
- The bride must observe purdah when she arrives on the female side and when she leaves with her husband.
- The bidat of holding the Holy Quran over the bride's or groom's head is forbidden.
- Avoid displaying the jahaiz.
- The groom's family should not demand any form of jahaiz from the bride's family.
- Avoid bidat such as gift registries, bridal showers, saying "no box gifts" to invitees (i.e., requesting monetary gifts only), or the bride & groom cutting cake together.

### **Walima**

- All instructions above regarding the wedding/shaadi apply to walima unless expressly stated otherwise.
- The program consists only of dua.
- Walima must be held, even if the wedding/shaadi is not.
- Walima and shaadi cannot be combined.
- The groom's family cannot ask the bride's family to contribute to the walima.