

Hall Farm Hotel – Live Band Policy & Guidance for Wedding Couples

To help ensure a smooth, enjoyable and safe experience for all guests, suppliers and neighbouring residents, please review the following guidelines when booking a live band for your wedding at Hall Farm Hotel.

1. Band Size & Space Limitations

- The performance area available at Hall Farm Hotel is **limited in size**.
- We **strongly recommend a maximum of a 3-piece band** to ensure safe setup and adequate space for guests.
- Larger bands must be approved **in advance and in writing** by the venue and may not be permitted.

2. Noise Control & Volume Restrictions

- Bands must operate at a **controlled and reasonable volume** at all times.
- The venue reserves the right to request a reduction in volume if it is deemed excessive.
- Persistent non-compliance may result in the performance being **stopped without refund**.
- All music must comply with **local noise regulations** and respect nearby residents.

3. Setup & Equipment

- Bands must use **their own equipment**, including PA systems, instruments and cabling.
- All equipment must be:
 - PAT tested (Portable Appliance Testing compliant)
 - In safe working condition
- Setup and soundcheck times must be **pre-arranged with the venue**.

4. Insurance Requirements

- All bands must hold valid **Public Liability Insurance (minimum £5 million recommended)**.
- Proof of insurance must be provided to the venue **prior to the event**.
- The venue accepts **no responsibility for injury, loss or damage** caused by the band or their equipment.

5. Health & Safety Compliance

- All cables and equipment must be positioned safely to avoid trip hazards.
- Emergency exits and access routes must remain **completely clear at all times**.
- The band must comply with all **health and safety instructions** given by venue staff.

6. No Changing Facilities

- Please note that **Hall Farm Hotel does not provide dedicated changing rooms or backstage areas for bands.**
- Bands should arrive ready to perform or make alternative arrangements prior to arrival.

7. Access & Timings

- Load-in and load-out times must be agreed in advance.
- Bands must adhere to **strict setup and breakdown times** to avoid disruption to the event schedule.
- Late arrivals or overruns may not be accommodated.

8. Electrical Usage

- Power supply is limited and must not be overloaded.
- Bands must ensure their equipment is compatible with standard UK power supply.
- The venue reserves the right to **restrict or disconnect equipment** if safety concerns arise.

9. Conduct & Professionalism

- Bands are expected to behave in a **professional and respectful manner** at all times.
- Excessive alcohol or inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.
- The venue reserves the right to remove any individual causing disruption.

10. Damage & Liability

- Any damage caused to the venue, property, or grounds by the band or their equipment will be the **responsibility of the couple or the band.**
- Associated repair or replacement costs will be charged accordingly.

11. Licensing & Music Rights

- It is the responsibility of the band to ensure they comply with any **music licensing requirements** where applicable.

12. Venue Rights

- Hall Farm Hotel reserves the right to:
 - Refuse or stop a performance that breaches these guidelines
 - Limit sound levels
 - Protect the safety, comfort and enjoyment of all guests and staff
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Helpful Advice for Couples

- Choose a **compact, experienced wedding band** familiar with smaller venues
- Consider acoustic or semi-acoustic setups for better sound control
- Share these rules with your band well in advance to avoid issues on the day

Live Band Policy – Hall Farm Hotel (Summary)

- **Band Size:** Due to limited space, a **maximum of 3 performers is recommended**. Larger bands require prior written approval.
- **Noise Levels:** Volume must be kept at a **reasonable level at all times**. The venue reserves the right to reduce volume or stop the performance if necessary.
- **Insurance & Safety:** Bands must hold valid **Public Liability Insurance** and use **PAT-tested equipment**. All setup must comply with health and safety requirements.
- **Space & Facilities:** Please note there are **no changing or backstage facilities available** for bands.
- **Setup & Timings:** All load-in, setup, and breakdown times must be **agreed in advance** and adhered to.
- **Equipment & Power:** Bands must supply their own equipment and ensure it is safe and suitable for standard UK power.
- **Conduct:** Bands must act in a **professional manner**. The venue reserves the right to remove or stop any act causing disruption.
- **Damage & Liability:** The couple and/or band will be **responsible for any damage** caused to the venue or property.
- **Venue Rights:** Hall Farm Hotel reserves the right to **enforce all policies**, including stopping performances where necessary for safety, noise control, or guest comfort.