

# Hindu Temple of Rochester

## **Terms and Conditions for the use of Temple upstairs for a Hindu Wedding Ceremony**

1. The wedding ceremony should not interfere with the working of the Temple. Temple functions will always have priority over any private function. As a result, the weddings will be limited to a 2 hour puja, with another 30 minutes for re-organization, e.g. picking up bed sheets, havan material, and chairs.
  - Weekdays (except Wednesday): 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM.
  - Wednesdays: 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM or 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM or 5:00PM – 7:30 PM
  - Saturdays and Sundays: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM
2. The Temple Priest (schedule permitting) will perform the wedding ceremony.
3. The wedding party will be limited to no more than 250 persons (adults and children included).
4. Seating will be on the floor, with no strollers allowed. A small number of chairs will be permitted, but they will need to be around the wall perimeter.
5. **No footwear is allowed upstairs, including infant footwear.**
6. The wedding invitation will have a short insert – which will say that the temple code of conduct needs to be observed. (a. Silence, b. No Shoes, c. No Food, d. Kids should be under adult supervision, Etc...)
7. The mandap dimensions will have to be approved by the Executive Committee. No other decorations are permitted.
8. Neither children nor adults will be permitted to run around the upstairs. **The altar area is strictly off limit to everyone but the priest.**
9. Opening the emergency doors is not permitted (other than during an actual fire emergency).
10. The upstairs facility has to be returned in a clean (Vacuum cleaning) condition. No flowers, rice etc should remain on the carpets.
11. The upstairs use will be limited to a **religious ceremony**. No food or drinks are permitted upstairs. Prasad should be distributed downstairs and eaten in the downstairs hall. If the downstairs hall is to be used, additional charges may apply.
12. The fee for Priest services for wedding ceremony will be \$301 for members and \$401 for non-members. Pujariji's dakshina is upto the personal discretion of the host. A deposit of \$1000 is required before a booking can be made. **Any violation of the above terms may result in a forfeiture of the above (\$1000) deposit. The decision of the Temple will be final and binding in this regard.** The deposit will be returned once the Temple approves that the upstairs hall was returned in a satisfactory condition.
13. A Hindu Temple Board of Trustees representative will be present on the occasion.