

## **Speed dating tips for men**

### **Book your singles event ticket in advance**

Single women tend to book in advance, and single men often leave booking dating events to the last minute. Spontaneous you say? Here's how booking last minute actually leads to imbalanced singles events. If ladies places are sold out, this often means there are women on the waiting list, but we need more guys to book first. If you leave your booking till on the day, when we contact the waitlist they have made other plans or it's too late notice. Basically, the earlier you book, the more single women you will meet.

### **Network**

Most guys arrive on their own to dating nights, which is totally fine. You are there to meet single women after all and can hang out with the lads anytime. As soon as you sign in with your host at the singles event, join one of the other guys at the bar and say hi. Single ladies love seeing guys chatting and having a laugh before the event starts. It makes you seem friendly and approachable. As most ladies arrive in a pair, you then have nice equal numbers to join up before/after the dating event. When you are asked 'how do you two know each other' you can say you just met randomly that night which proves you are a really social, friendly person. It's a big deal for single women to introduce potential boyfriends to their friends. If she can see you can hold your own with strangers then you've got a little tick instantly.

### **Contact your friendship and dating matches**

Ladies are far more conservative than guys on the ticking front. If they are a bit unsure they sometimes tick 'friend' instead of 'date'. This is why guys tend to get less love match ticks than women. Get in touch anyway, it could still be worth meeting up, or getting a group of mates together for a low pressure night out and see what happens.

### **Move on promptly between dates**

There is usually at least 1 minute between each speeddate. This gives singles enough time to wrap up the conversation and write down badge numbers/names. Don't just talk through the 1 minute, or you won't have time to write anything down. Even if you really really really like your date you still need to move on anyway. It is called SPEED dating for a reason – they dates are deliberately short. Will that extra 30 seconds really win her over? Probably not. But it will annoy the lady next to her who is sat on her own waiting, the guy behind you who is wishing you'd hurry up and your host who is trying to keep the dates even/keep a smooth flowing format. Remember to step away from the table so your date can have some privacy to fill out her scorecard too. It's even more important at singles parties to move promptly, as the speed dating is done in short 30-40 min sessions. You will not meet every person in the singles party session, you just meet as many as possible in 30-40 mins. So, the quicker you move, the more people you will meet at singles parties. Think of this as speed dating etiquette for gentlemanly single men.

### **Sell yourself**

What makes you stand out? What makes you memorable? Remember there are up to 20 other single guys to compete against so you want a bit of banter to keep things light. Women love funny men - make her laugh and she's yours.