



## Preparing to say “I do”

Planning a wedding entails a lot of time and planning! As your photographer, I want to make sure every detail of your day goes smoothly and is a day you can remember for the rest of your life! Below are a few suggestions to help you plan for your big day!

About a month before your wedding I would like to meet with both the bride and groom and have you walk me through every detail of your day from start to finish. At this meeting we will work on an exact timeline for your wedding day, so that everyone knows when to be ready for pictures!

### Here are some questions to help you prepare for our meeting:

- Where will the bride, groom, and bridal party be getting dressed?
- Are you planning to do a special “first look” moment? This allows for plenty of time to be scheduled for your pictures prior to the ceremony.
- If you are not doing a first look, have you planned enough time between the ceremony and reception for pictures? Let's chat about how much time is needed for pictures and possibly noting a reception start time on your invitations.
- Can you please bring one of your invitation suites to our meeting or mailing one would be fine, too. I'll be sure to bring it along the day of the wedding for detail pictures!
- What outdoor location would you like to use for your portraits? Would you like to go to another location for some of your pictures? If it rains, what is your backup location plan?
- Walk me through your ceremony in detail. How long do you expect the ceremony to last?
- Will you be having a receiving line after the ceremony? If so, are you planning to dismiss your guests from the ceremony or will your parents be joining you for a separate receiving line? Your number of guests will help us determine how long the receiving line might take.
- Tell me about your reception...are you going to cut a cake, have a first dance, throw the bouquet/garter, etc.?
- Will you be leaving the reception in a special way? Will your guests be helping to send you off by throwing rice, blowing bubbles, sparklers, etc.?

## **Wedding Day Timeline Prep**

I will help you come up with a detailed timeline for your wedding day, so this is one thing you don't need to worry about as you plan your wedding!! (Big sigh of relief!! 😊) The following are a few things we'll include as we plan your wedding day timeline...

We will schedule a special time for portraits of just the two of you...normally about 45 minutes if you do a first look. This is such a great time for the bride and groom to spend time together away from everyone else! These photographs will include the romantic, fun, and candid shots of you relating with each other, as well as individual shots of the bride and groom. We will also take a couple posed classic shots that your parents will want to hang on their wall! 😊

Your bridal party will join us for pictures (normally about 30-45 minutes.) The following are the photographs I will be sure to get with your bridal party:

- Bride and groom with the full bridal party
- Bride with bridesmaids
- Groom with groomsmen
- Bride with each individual bridesmaid
- Groom with each individual groomsman
- Bride & Groom with flower girl and ring bearer

We will also schedule a specific time for family portraits (approx.15-30 minutes depending on your immediate family size.) Below are the formal family portraits I will photograph for you.

### **Bride with:**

- Bride's mother
- Bride's father
- Bride's parents
- Bride's siblings, should your sibling's spouse(s) be in this picture? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

### **Groom with:**

- Groom's mother
- Groom's father
- Groom's parents
- Groom's siblings, should your sibling's spouse(s) be in this picture? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

### **Bride and Groom with:**

- Bride's parents
- Bride's immediate family (mom, dad, siblings)
- Groom's parents
- Groom's immediate family (mom, dad, siblings)
- Each set of grandparents. How many sets of grandparents? \_\_\_\_\_
- **Are there any photos not listed above that you would like? Please check or list any extra requested photos and we will need to adjust the family portrait time accordingly:**
  - Photos with nieces and nephews
  - Photos with step-parents
  - Photos with step-siblings
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

I am more than willing to take as many extra shots as you want or travel to as many portrait locations as you desire! Keep in mind that each package includes eight hours of photography, so depending how many extras are added and/or travel time to other location, we may need to add time to your day. Adding time is totally fine! Each extra hour is \$125.

Please take a few minutes to list the various businesses/vendors used for your wedding day for social media recognition. Please bring this along to the meeting, too! Thanks!

	Business Name	Instagram Tag @	Website
Dress designer or boutique			
Florist			
Cake			
Venue			
Wedding Coordinator			
Tuxedo Rental			
Hair			
Makeup			
Do you have a special hashtag for your day?			
Other			

*I'm excited about your wedding day, and look forward to hearing about all of your plans at our meeting!*