

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY QUESTIONNAIRE

No two weddings are the same. Please take time to answer the following questions to make sure your wedding photography needs are served flawlessly. Thank you.

Your wedding:

Groom:

Bride:

Date:

Contact cell phone number on the day of the wedding:

Bride: Groom: text message? Yes/no

Bride's Preparation Location (when and where):

Ceremony:

Reception:

Additional Location(s) (For formal photos, etc.):

What is the approximate schedule of events?

Arrival Time for Photographer(s):

Time for Departure to Ceremony:

Arrival Time at Ceremony Location:

Ceremony Start:

Ceremony Finish:

Receiving Line?

Time for Departure from Ceremony Location:

Arrival Time at Reception Location:

Time(s) for Formal Group Photos:

30 minutes for portraits of Bride and Groom alone:

Travel Time to and from Any Additional Locations:

Cocktail Hour Time:

Reception Start:

Photography End Time:

Reception Finish:

Key Names:

Bride

Groom

Maid of Honour & Best Man

Mom

Dad

How many guests are you expecting?

What type of ceremony will the wedding be: (religious, formal, informal?)

What setting will the ceremony be in: chapel, cathedral, temple, reception hall, outdoors? tent, etc.?

Are there any photography restrictions at the ceremony?

How do you want your wedding to be shot?

- formal (staged)
- informal (reportage)
- good mix of both

When do you want group family photos taken?

- before the ceremony
- after the ceremony
- at reception

Where would be a good place to for this to happen?

Do you require the group shots of all the guests?

- no
- yes, the best place for it is at

Do you want intimate session of the two of you?

- no
- yes, we can allow at least half-hour away from our guests

Where would be a good place to for this to happen?

The following is typically included in wedding photo coverage. Please check the items that are especially important to you:

Pre-ceremony:

- Bride's gown and shoes
- Candid shots of the bride and her maids getting ready
- Bride heading to the ceremony site
- Best man with rings*
- Candid shots of the groom and groomsmen getting ready*
- Groom heading to the ceremony site*

*possible with booking of second photographer

Ceremony site

- Exterior and interior of the ceremony site
- Guests arriving
- Bridal party arriving
- Bride and her father just before walking down the aisle
- Musicians performing
- Processional and recessional
- Bride and her father (or escort) walking down the aisle
- Groom reacting to bride walking down the aisle*
- Father giving the bride away*

- Wide shot of the altar/chuppah
- Bride and groom reciting their vows*
- Bride and groom exchanging rings*
- The couple's first kiss*
- Bride and groom being introduced to their guests as a married couple*
- Bride and groom exiting their ceremony site
- Receiving line
- Bride and groom in their getaway car

*possible if the ceremony site allows

Formal portraits

- Bride and groom, each alone
- Bride and groom together
- Bride and groom with wedding party
- Bride with her family
- Groom with his family
- Bride and groom with bride's family
- Bride and groom with groom's family
- Both families together
- Bride with her mother
- Groom with his father
- Flower girl and ring bearers with bride and groom

Reception site

- Exterior and interior shots of the reception site
- Table settings
- Menu, escort, and table cards
- Guests signing the book
- Food stations and bar setup during cocktail hour
- Wedding-party entrances
- Bride and groom's first dance
- Toasts and blessing (if applicable)
- Father-daughter dance
- Mother-son dance
- Bride and groom cutting the cake
- Band or DJ
- Guests dancing
- Bouquet and garter toss, anniversary dance
- Candid shots throughout the night
- Close-ups
- Bridal bouquet
- Boutonniere
- Details on the bride's gown
- Details on the groom's attire such as cuff links

- Jewellery
- Ceremony programs
- Centrepieces
- Wedding cake
- Favours

Please feel free to add any picture ideas you might like:

What is important to you when organizing your wedding photography?

Check all that apply:

- That the photographer is unobtrusive on the day.
- That the photographer organizes the day.
- Family group shots.
- Natural images (candid etc).
- Fun Images.
- Creative images.
- Prices and Packages.
- On-line ordering and viewing.
- Time it takes to see images after the wedding.
- Time it takes to receive album.

- We want your wedding photos to be flawless. The photographer will be unobtrusive and ready to capture your special moments. Here are some suggestions for you:
- Avoid glossy lipstick and consider foundation or powder that will reduce the chance of having a shiny face.
- Please note we have seen mineral makeup cause unflattering effects with flash. The minerals have elements in it reflecting light.
- In order to allow for a private photo session of bride and groom, we will need at least half an hour of your time alone with the photographer.
- Be kind to ensure the presence of all the family members required at your wedding photos. Plan for about 5 minutes per photo for shots with fewer than 14 people, about 10 minutes per photo for shots with more than 14 people.
- It always takes some time to gather people together and pose them so that everyone can be seen, etc.

- Before the wedding day inform the people you want in posed photos where and when they will be needed for pictures.
- Pre-assign a family member or friend who knows the people to be in the pictures to round them up for the photos. Getting people where they need to be for the photos is by far the most time consuming part of group shots.
- Please, make sure the cutting of the cake occurs within the booking time.

Thank you for taking your time to complete this questionnaire. Once I have received this information I might contact you with comments, questions and suggestions.