

PREPARING YOUR PHOTO SHOT-LIST FOR YOUR WEDDING

A shot list is simply a checklist of the individual shots that you need or want to take. It helps photographers be efficient with their time and stay within your timeline. At your Thursday rehearsal, give everyone a copy of this shot list so wedding party and family remain at ceremony grounds for photos. Modify as needed. :)

Pre-Ceremony: 3 hrs prior to ceremony

- The bride getting her hair and makeup done
- The bride putting on her dress
- Still lifes of the bride's dress, shoes, headpiece, jewelry, and bouquet

Specific Names of people in photos

Time _____

At Venue before ceremony: 1 hr prior to ceremony

- The groom with the best man
- The groom with the groomsmen, ushers, and ring bearer
- The groom pinning a boutonniere on his dad

Time _____

Bridal Party leaving for Ceremony: 30 minutes prior to ceremony

- The bridal party leaving for the ceremony
- The wedding party arriving at venue
- The bride and her dad arriving *15 min prior to ceremony*
- The groom and his best man at the altar

Time _____

Processional (Walking down aisle)

- The bridal party walking down the aisle
- The bride and her dad walking down the aisle
- The bride's mom walking down the aisle
- The groom's mom and dad walking down the aisle
- The bride's and groom's grandparents walking down the aisle
- The groom's reaction to seeing the bride

Time _____

Ceremony Vows

- The bride's dad giving her away
- The person doing the readings
- The bride and groom listening to the officiant
- The bride and groom during the vow exchange
- The bride's and groom's parents watching from their seats
- The officiant performing the ceremony
- The newlyweds exchanging a kiss
- The bride and groom walking up the aisle as newlyweds

Time _____

After Ceremony: allow 40 minutes *remain at ceremony site*

- Freelance photos: bride, groom, bridal party
- Family portraits on property

Time _____

Reception

- The bride and groom making grand entrance
- The toasts /speeches

Time _____

After Dinner

- The cake cutting and the bride and groom feeding each other
- Golden Hour photos of b & g after cake cutting - usually outdoors

Time _____

First Dances

- The bride and groom's first dance together as husband & wife
- The groom dancing with his mom
- The bride dancing with her Dad
- The groom removing the bride's garter
- The garter toss, flower toss
- Freelance romantic photos b & g on property
- The bride and groom leaving the reception and getting in getaway car

Time _____
