

# WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY PLANNING GUIDE

## PRE-CEREMONY PHOTOS

### WILL YOU BE HAVING A FIRST LOOK?

*If you want to stick to tradition and wait to see one another until it's time to say "I Do" (as we did at our own wedding), your timeline can accommodate that!*

*Many couples opt to see one another before the ceremony, during a First Look. This private moment is shared only with their wedding photographers. It can be helpful to connect and take a breath with your partner, before it all begins!*

## CONSIDERATIONS & TIMING

### PREP PICS - PLAN 60 MINUTES

- **Candid photos of you getting ready**
  - Group photos with your crew
  - Card/gift delivery from your partner?
  - Toast moment: raise a glass!
- **Please gather together any items that you want detailed photos taken of**
  - Dress/shoes/jewelry/invitation/etc

### FIRST LOOK - PLAN 30 MINUTES

- This allows time for us to candidly capture the reveal moment of you seeing one another, looking your very finest!
- Afterwards, we will take portraits of you two, prior to the ceremony.
- **A First Look with Dad/Mom is great to consider too! (PLAN 15 MINUTES)**

## FAMILY PHOTOS

### DID WE GET ONE WITH AUNT SALLY??

*While our wedding photography coverage is largely photojournalistic, posed family photos are a standard part of the day.*

*Please make a list of all the different groupings of family members, by name, (immediate & extended, on both sides) that you want to have posed photos taken with.*

*Sharing this list with us ensures that you have covered all your bases, and you can enjoy your wedding day, without thinking, "who are we forgetting??"*

## CONSIDERATIONS & TIMING

### FAMILY PICS - PLAN 30-45 MINUTES

*Immediate family photos can be taken prior to the ceremony, so you can enjoy some of your cocktail hour!*

- If you do a First Look, we can take all the family photos, on both sides, pre-ceremony.
- If not, then each side can take photos with their own families respectively, and the combined family photos will be taken after the ceremony.

*Extended family photos are usually taken after the ceremony.*

- Be sure to communicate the photo plan (where & when) to your families!
- **Pro Tip: Assign trusted family members to help wrangle the folks who will be needed for large group photos. #herdingcats**

## RECEPTION PHOTOS

### ARE YOU READY TO PARTY?

*Even if you take portraits during your First Look, we highly recommend finding room in your timeline, after the ceremony, for photos with your new spouse!*

*Photos taken prior to the ceremony just don't feel the same as they do once you've "made it official."*

*Sunset photos are a relaxing way to cherish some time alone with your partner.*

*Send-off photos are an exciting way to cap off the evening with a bang!*

## CONSIDERATIONS & TIMING

### SUNSET PICS - PLAN 20 MINUTES

*The "Golden Hour" is the last hour of light before sunset.*

- This is the best time of day for photos!!!
- Consider taking a moment away from the reception to watch the sunset together. We will capture the magic!

*The reception is a great time for:*

- Group photos with school/work friends
- Extended family photos, if you'd prefer not to do those during cocktail hour.

*Don't forget about us!*

- At the end of the night, take an "usie" with us! This is a photo we take with our clients, while holding the camera, "selfie" style.

**ALWAYS ALLOW 15-30 MINUTES OF CUSHION TIME WHEN PLANNING!**

**THIS WILL HELP ENSURE THAT YOU CAN ENJOY A STRESS-FREE AND RELAXING WEDDING DAY!**