



## Making (pre-wedding) plans with your photographer

After the cake has been cut and the last song has been played, your wedding pictures will be all you have left to show off the special day when you became husband and wife. For this good reason, many couples focus much of their time and budget on a wedding photographer.

### Your Photography Check list:

#### **#Rule No. 1 in planning your wedding pictures**

Choose a wedding photographer that you know you can get along with! This may seem an obvious point to make, however, if you choose your photographer on price above professionalism and talent, they may not have the essential "people skills" to keep the proceedings moving and up beat. More often than not, your photographer will need good organisation skills to cope with a busy wedding day. This is where the experience and knowledge -honed over years of photographing weddings- is an absolute must!

#### **#Rule No.2 in planning your wedding pictures**

Take the amount of time you think your wedding photos should take and double it. Always ask your photographer for advice on this. It is already a chaotic day, and bringing together numerous people to strike several poses is quite a task, and mostly lengthy one!

Try to do as many pictures as possible before your wedding breakfast. You will look fresh and not have to worry about rushing through them to get to your guests.

- ❖ Make sure the photographer knows the schedule of your entire day. Timing will be the key to getting all of the pictures you want.
- ❖ Find out the time that people being photographed will need to arrive for their pictures. Get them to come 15 to 20 minutes earlier than the estimated time. Many times the photography schedule can change and sometimes depend on who is ready to have their picture taken.
- ❖ People to contact with their picture schedule include, you and your groom (obviously!), wedding party, personal attendant, readers/musicians and other wedding helpers if needed, parents, siblings and their families, grandparents, godmothers and godfathers, and other family members or friends who will be included in pictures.
- ❖ Ask how many pictures your photographer wants to take. Have him give you an estimated amount of time it will take, so you are prepared when they keep clicking, and you have to keep smiling!  
Have plenty of food and drinks available. This can be a long process for everyone and they will appreciate that you have provided snacks and water to hold them over until dinner.

## **Know what you want....**

❖ Your photographer should discuss with you to list the poses you may wish to have captured. If they are good, they will get as many of these poses for you as possible. If you want outdoor pictures, discuss this with your photographer. Timing for these will be important so you and your new spouse are captured in daylight hours!

## **Final discussion**

Make sure your photographer has been paid. Invite them to stay for dinner. They have had a long day, too!

Before your photographer leaves, find out when will your proofs be ready to be seen. Make sure he/she has your new name and phone number so you can be reached the second they come in.

And above all...have fun on your very special day.

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It is hoped that the information contained herein will assist you when planning your wedding photography needs.