

WEDDING SCHEDULE OPTIONS

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YOUR PROPOSED WEDDING DAY SCHEDULE

EXAMPLE ONE - 98% of Weddings are structured this way!!!

Photographer Arrives

45mins - 1hr Groom + Boys Prep

Location + travel time to get to Bride

1.5hrs Bride + Girls Prep

Travel time to get to Venue for Ceremony

30mins Ceremony

In DayLightSavings early Oct- early April 5:30pm is normal for a ceremony start time. 3:30pm for Winter

15mins Group photo + congrats

30mins Family Portraits

Groom: Grandparents/ Add parents/ Just Parents/ Add siblings/ Add partners+kids/Just siblings

Bride: Grandparents/ Add parents/ Just Parents/ Add siblings/ Add partners+kids/Just siblings

45mins - 1hr Bridal Portraits (A mix of just the couple, full bridal party, just the boys, just the girls...

15mins Chill time in Bridal suite prior to reception introduction to guests

3hrs Reception (All formalities, cake, speeches, 1st dance, Father/daughter, Mother/Son)

20-30mins Sunset Photos (In winter sunset photos are done at the very end of bridal photos)

Photographer departs

*DRONE USAGE WHERE SAFE, LEGAL AND APPROPRIATE



THE IN'S & OUT'S OF SCHEDULE NO.1



- YOUR WEDDING DAY IS STRUCTURED INTO KEY SEGMENTS
- ALL SEGMENTS ARE CREATED WITH A BUFFER AS A JUST IN CASE. IE: CEREMONIES NEVER GO OVER 15-18 MINS, HOWEVER I ALWAYS ADD 30MINS TO ALLOW FOR DELAYS IN THE START OR THE CEREMONY. SAME FOR FAMILY PORTRAITS
- SOME COUPLE OPT OF OUT OF HAVING A GROUP PHOTO. THE CHOICE IS TOTALLY YOURS
- EVERY. SINGLE. COUPLE. WILL SAY THAT THE DAY FLIES SO FAST IRRESPECTIVE OF HOW MANY PEOPLE SAY THAT IT WILL AHEAD OF THE DAY. PLAN SOME DOWNTIME SO YOU CAN JUST ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY ALONE
- I ALWAYS STAY UNTIL 30MINS AFTER THE END OF FORMALITIES AS IT GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET A BIT OF DANCING

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EXAMPLE TWO - This schedule is for couples including a first look on their day!!!

Photographer Arrives

45mins - 1hr Groom + Boys Prep

Location + travel time to get to Bride

1.5hrs Bride + Girls Prep

Travel time to get to Venue for First Look

30mins FIRST LOOK

30 - 45mins Bridal Portraits (A mix of just the couple, full bridal party, just the boys, just the girls...

30mins Family Portraits (These can occur either after the first look or after the ceremony)

Groom: Grandparents/ Add parents/ Just Parents/ Add siblings/ Add partners+kids/Just siblings

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THE IN'S & OUT'S OF SCHEDULE NO.2



- THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TWO EXAMPLES ARE A TRADITIONAL DAY VS A DAY THAT INCLUDES A FIRST LOOK
- THE FIRST LOOK CAN BE FOLLOWED BY BRIDAL PORTRAITS, ALL FAMILY PORTRAITS OR AN AN OPTION THE FAMIPTY PORTRAITS CAN OCCUR AFTER THE GROUP PHOTO AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY
- A FIRST LOOK GIVES YOU THE OPTION TO MINGLE WITH GUESTS DURING CANAPES

THE SUMMARY

JUST DO YOU!!!!

1. THIS IS ALL PURELY A GUIDE AND NOT 100% OF WEDDINGS ARE STRUCTURED THIS WAY BUT MAY FORM A GREAT STARTING POINT.
2. TALK TO FRIENDS WHO'VE RECENTLY BEEN MARRIED
3. CREATE A LIST OF MUST HAVE'S, UNSURE'S AND DEFINITELY NOT'S

CONSULT WITH YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER AS THEY WILL BE THE ONE SPENDING MOST OF YOUR DAY WITH YOU BOTH

NB: AT THE END OF THE DAY DOIN'T SCRIMP ON PHOTOS/ VIDEO. THESE WILL BE PASSED DOWN GENERATIONS AND GOOD PHOTOGRAPHERS CAN MAKE AN OK BOUQUET OR OK CAKE LOOK REALLY, REALLY GREAT!!!!

