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Photo Check List for: _____ **Wed Date** _____

The majority of your wedding photographs will be of the candid variety. This checklist is mainly concerned with the common group photographs and wants to know which ones you would like to have done on your wedding day.

Pre-ceremony, with the Bride: (FYI: This part of the day can include getting ready photos, if desired. If this is something you, you will need to designate a good hour for this section. More time may be needed if additional photos are requested. (Without getting ready photos 40-45 minutes is usually enough time here.)

- The bride (various views). _____
- The bride w/ her maid of honor. _____
- The bride w/ her mother & father. _____
- Bride w/ her mother. _____
- Bride w/ her father. _____
- The bride w/ all her bridesmaids. _____

Please list anything, not listed above, that you would like to have a photograph of...

Pre-ceremony, with the Groom: (FYI: Ideally, photos with the groom, normally begin about 30 minutes, before the ceremony. This should enable us to finish these photos and still leave a few minutes of necessary leeway time, before the official start of the ceremony. *In figuring the time when photography is to begin with the bride, in the previous section, do not forget to consider driving time to the ceremony location, if there is any.*

- The groom, w/ all the groomsmen. _____
- Groom w/parents _____
- Some semi posed shots of the groom _____
- The groom, w/ the best man. _____

Please list anything else...

Ceremony: This is primarily photojournalistic coverage. Most synagogues and some churches, however, put restrictions on photography, during the actual ceremony. Please check, with the officiate, as to what their policy is. Catholic churches have been the most lenient in this regard, while Protestant and Jewish officials allow photographs

before and after the ceremony, but restrict photography during the ceremony. If this is the case with your wedding, you may want to consider simulating the wedding vows afterwards. If it should come to this, most churches are very accommodating, and it usually takes no more than five minutes for us to do.

Post Ceremony Group Photos with the Bride & Groom: Below are the group photos with the bride and groom together. These pictures are usually done after the ceremony. However, some couples prefer to do them before the ceremony. When and where you should have these pictures done is based on time constraints and personal preference.

I typically review indoor and outdoor locations at the ceremony and/or reception sites, to determine what areas would work best. A complimentary combination of lighting and background are the main considerations. Since the angle of the sun can change a scene dramatically throughout the day, every effort is made to review the locations at the time of day that pictures are planned. Please allot at least 50 minutes for these photos. More time may be required if more groupings are requested. The length of time for required to do each group will vary according to the size of the grouping requested.

Bride & Groom w/ both sets of parents. ____ 4-7 minutes
Bride & Groom w/ bride's parents. ____ 3-5 minutes
Bride & Groom w/ bride's parents and siblings. ____ 4-7 minutes
Bride & Groom w/groom's parents. ____ 3-5 minutes
Bride & Groom w/ groom's parents and siblings. ____ 3-7 minutes
Bride & Groom w/entire wedding party ____ 8-10 minutes
Bride w/ groomsmen ____ 5-6 minutes
Groom w/ bridesmaids ____ 5-6 minutes
Bride & Groom w/ the best man and maid of honor. ____ 3-5 minutes
Bride & Groom (3-4 variations). ____ 10- 20 minutes
Ring Hands ____ 2 minutes

You can add to the above list of groupings, as your heart desires. Take note, however, that the core formals take a minimum of fifty minutes to do. (Larger wedding parties and groups will take longer.) The more you add to this list, the more time will be required to do them all. Generally, there isn't much extra time, if any, when these pictures are done between the ceremony and the reception.

If you don't think there will be enough time, another option would be to have these pictures done before the ceremony instead. In this case, you would have to be ready much earlier for pictures and yes - you would have to see each other before the ceremony. On the positive side, you would be able to enjoy the rest of the day without

having to fuss about doing anymore group photos.

Another option would be to split these photos up. So that some are done before the ceremony and some are done after. For example: you may just want to do the larger groups before the ceremony and do the bride & groom, best man and maid of honor pictures after the ceremony.

Other Important Notes:

* Grandparents were not listed above. Many of my clients prefer to have casually posed pictures taken with them, during the reception. It's up to you what you want to do.

* Don't forget to get the word out to everyone who will be involved with the group pictures, as to when and where (to be determined) these pictures will be taken. Don't do it all yourself. Recruit reliable family and wedding party members from both families to ensure everyone is informed.

****Please list groupings, not included above, that you would like to have, as part of your formal wedding day pictures:***

The Reception: The reception is photographed almost entirely in the candid format. Below are a few possible exceptions. It's up to you, if you want to do them, or not.

Cutting the Cake: Would you like a posed photo with the cake before you proceed to slice and dice it? Yes _____ No _____

Old Friends: The reception provides an opportunity to do some casual group photographs of friends and/or family members that are rarely united at the same time. ***Please list any person(s) or groups that may fall into this category.*** (A short list is suggested, as you do not want to be posing all day. You should enjoy this part of the day.)

Last Question: In percentages, how many of your photos would you like in color _____ and black & white ____?

Paul Van Helden Photography is dedicated to providing quality service to our customers. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this checklist. If you have any questions, concerning this list, please call **520-744-2067**, or email at **pvh@paulvanhelden.com**