

# HINES PHOTOGRAPHY WEDDING SHOT CHECKLIST

## **Bride's Side:**

Mother of the Bride  
Father of the Bride  
Stepmother  
Stepfather  
Maternal Grandmother  
Maternal Grandfather  
Sisters  
Brothers  
Stepsisters  
Stepbrothers

## **Groom's Side:**

Mother of the Bride  
Father of the Bride  
Stepmother  
Stepfather  
Maternal Grandmother  
Maternal Grandfather  
Sisters  
Brothers  
Stepsisters  
Stepbrothers

## **Bridal Party:**

Maid of Honor  
Bridesmaids  
Flower Girl  
Best Man  
Groomsmen  
Ring Bearer

Okay, now let's talk about the standard shots for your big day. We've broken them down by each separate event for the day. Keep in mind again, that your photographer may be the type that really shouldn't work from such a detailed list, so you may want to edit considerably. However, if you are hiring a student photographer and/or a friend of the family, this list will be gold to you!!

## **Pre-Ceremony Shoot with Groom**

These shots can be taken at the groom's house or can be scheduled to be shot an hour or so before the ceremony. Keep in mind that guests will start to arrive 30 minutes before the ceremony starts, which will affect the scheduled timing. This is sometimes a good time to get a number of the family photos out of the way so that they don't cut into your photo shoot timing after the ceremony.

**Tip:** If you know that time is rushed and/or you want to save time from your photographer's schedule, then skip this part of the day and move to the bride's house first.

**Please check off which shots you definitely need taken:**

- Close-ups and Full Length - Alone
- With your mother
- With your father
- With both your parents
- With other family members
- With the best man
- With the groomsmen
- With ring bearer
- Checking your tie and/or finishing up
- Getting ready candid
- Groom's Details, i.e. boutonniere, tuxes hanging, bottle of cologne, card/gift from bride, etc.

**Pre-Ceremony Shoot with Bride**

These shots can be taken at the bride's house while she's getting ready. Again, this is a good time to take some of the family photos to save time later.

**Tip:** If you are rushed and/or want to eliminate time from your photographer's schedule, have a family member take these photos and have the photographer scheduled to start at the ceremony.

**Please check off which shots you definitely need taken:**

- Close-ups and Full Length - Alone
- With your mother
- With your father
- With both your parents
- With other family members
- With Maid/Matron of Honor
- With bridesmaids
- With flower girl
- Putting on the finishing touches
- Adjusting garter
- Bride's Details, i.e. the dress, the shoes, the bouquets, makeup, jewellery, card/gift from the groom, etc.

**Ceremony**

The majority of ceremony shots are standard. The things that you might want to add to this list would be anything that may be cultural in nature and/or an event that you've added to part of the ceremony that is not part of the standard ceremony fare.

**Tip:** Other than a group shot with all of your guests, taking family or wedding party photos at the church is not necessarily a good idea. It is difficult to separate you from your guests and a lot of religious venues have more than one event planned per day.

**Please check off which shots you definitely need taken:**

- Ushers seating guests and mothers
- Bride's Arrival
- Processional
- Bride being walked down the aisle
- Groom waiting at the alter
- Bride being given away
- Wedding Party members at the alter
- Kneeling at the alter
- Exchanging rings
- Exchanging vows
- Lighting unity candles
- Exchanging kiss
- Signing marriage license
- With Officiant
- Recessional
- In front of the church after ceremony
- Candids outside with guests
- Guests outside and inside the church. Some brides have elected to have shots done of all of the people attending the church ceremony.
- Couple leaving in limo

**Formal Photo Shoot**

This usual happens after the ceremony, but if you are getting married in the fall months and/or you have a very limited time between your ceremony and reception, it might be beneficial to do this before the ceremony. Everyone meets at a pre-determined photo location. You can consult with your photographer on where an appropriate place may be. Be sure to inform all individuals that are required for your photos. Exchanging cell phone numbers with the photographer is beneficial in case there is a misunderstanding regarding where to meet.

**Tip:** If family photos can be done at the reception hall, this is generally a better plan and can be scheduled to occur just before the reception starts. Also, as mentioned above, a number of family photos can be taken care of before the ceremony at the "getting ready" locations!

**Please check off which shots you definitely need taken:**

- Bride Alone
- Groom Alone
- Bride & Groom together - various locations
- Bride with attendants
- Groom with attendants

- Bride with "the guys"
- Groom with "the girls"
- Bride with each attendant individually
- Groom with each attendant individually
- Entire Wedding Party
- Hands with wedding rings
- With children from wedding party
- With best man and maid of honor

### **Reception Photos**

This list covers all of the standard happenings at a reception. If you have any special events scheduled that you think the photographer should know about, be sure to be specific and add them. It also doesn't hurt to provide your videographer with a list of the scheduled events for the reception. Any extended group shots, other than immediate family should probably be scheduled into this part of the day.

**FB Tip:** If you have hired a videographer, then this is the time for them to shine. You might want to think about not having the photographer stay for the reception.

### **Please check off which shots you definitely need taken:**

- Talking with guests at reception - receiving line
- First dance
- Cutting the cake
- Toasting
- With special guests
- Dancing and candids at the reception
- Wedding Cake before cutting
- Food or desert tables
- Organist and/or soloists
- Musicians
- Any decorations that you have spent a lot of time and energy putting together.
- Candid photos of everyone at the reception
- Photo of the invitation with bouquets, toasting glasses and table centerpieces

### **Standard Family Photos**

That basically covers all of the aspects of your day in a very specific manner. Next we are going to setup a standard family photo list. We know that we have asked you to prepare a VIP list above, but the following covers all of the standard combinations that you want to make sure you capture for your family photos.

We have included some of these into some of the above areas, especially if we felt it would be beneficial to do these shots at times when it would be the easiest in your schedule, but the following is so that you make sure you don't forget anything.

**Please check off which shots you definitely need taken:**

- Bride with Mother
- Bride with Father
- Bride with Mother & Father
- Bride with Siblings (you may want to do individually or as a group)
- Bride with Mother, Father and Siblings
- Bride with Mother, Father, Siblings, their spouses and children
- Bride with Grandparents
- Family generation photo including all above (you may want to wait and do this with the groom)
  
- Groom with Mother
- Groom with Father
- Groom with Mother & Father
- Groom with Siblings (you may want to do individually or as a group)
- Groom with Mother, Father and Siblings
- Groom with Mother, Father, Siblings and their spouses and children
- Groom with Grandparents
- Family generation photo including all above (you may want to wait and do this with the bride)
  
- Bride, Groom and Bride's Parents
- Bride, Groom and Groom's Parents
- Bride, Groom and Both Sets of Parents
- Bride, Groom and Bride's Grandparents
- Bride, Groom and Groom's Grandparents
- Bride, Groom and Bride's Siblings
- Bride, Groom and Groom's Siblings
- Bride, Groom and all Siblings
- Bride, Groom and Brides entire family
- Bride, Groom and Grooms entire family
- Bride, Groom and both families combined

