

# Ryan's Wedding Checklist

## Exterior Shot of Venue

- Empty shot of location **Bride/Groom** are getting ready
- Ceremony Venue
- Reception Venue (Can be the sign out front if not ideal)

## Details/Setting Shots

- Photogenic details of the scenery/architecture/clouds/greenery
- Shots of details not planned by the couple/wedding team but are a part of the permanent setting (should not include people)

## Ceremony Details

- Wide shot of the ceremony location (vertical & horizontal)
- Close up of details of the ceremony (floral arrangements, communion setup, etc)
- Aisle florals or entry decor (signs, runners, program display, etc)
- Close up of any instrumentalists

## Reception Details

- Big room shot (vertical & horizontal)
- Shots of all different styles of centerpieces
- Overhead shot of place setting

- Close up verticals of place setting details, glassware, place cards, etc.
- Seating Chart Display (wide and tight detail shots)
- Any ceiling decor
- Sweetheart or Head table decor
- Cake Table
- Dessert bars/ snack bars
- Memory stations (photo displays, personalized decor displays, etc)

## Groomsmen Suite

- Candid of guys getting dressed
- Groom getting dressed with best man or dad helping him
- Close up of groom buttoning sleeve/cufflinks and adjusting tie
- Groom portrait in chair (smiling and modeling shot)
- Toasting or cheers shot if opportunity presents itself

## Groomsmen Detail Shots

- Tie or Bowtie
- Groom's shoes
- Cufflinks if possible
- Any special alcohol
- Watch
- Belt
- Specialty socks

# Ceremony

- Parents and grandparents being seated
- Groomsmen entering, bridesmaids entering
- Any children in the ceremony
- Pastor/Officiant
- Bride coming down the aisle from front and from the back (full length, then closer)
- Groom's reaction to seeing his bride
- Parent's reaction if possible
- Any readers, soloist, special guests involved in the ceremony
- Wide shot of the entire ceremony
- Groom looking at bride, Bride looking at groom during vows
- Close up of the exchange of rings (especially the bride putting his ring on because she will face outward more than he will)
- Parents watching, emotional moments
- Candids of flower girls or ring bearers
- First kiss, pronouncement, recessional
- Recessional of all Bridal party and parents
- Main shooter follows bride and groom for first moments married

## Bridal Party Shots

### Bride and Groom:

- Bride and Groom together by the arch
- In several shaded spots

- Individual pictures of each

## Full Group Shots:

- Guys on one side, girls on other side
- Intermingled formal shot smiling at camera (vertical and horizontal) laughing at one another
- Model shot
- Walking/spread out a little (vertical and horizontal)
- Extra: Staged sitting shot with a few chairs if time allows

## Bridesmaids:

- Full group, smiling at camera (vertical & horizontal)
- Tighter horizontal, girls closer to each other and laughing at the camera
- Girls walking and laughing (vertical & horizontal)
- Model shot of the whole group
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- Bouquet shot (vertical & horizontal, no spaces in the background between bridesmaids dresses)
- Single bouquet shot with a bridesmaid
- Individual shots with each bridesmaid and the bride

## Groomsmen:

- Full group, smiling at camera (vertical & horizontal)
- Tighter horizontal, bro hug, arms around neck (unbuttoned jackets to avoid pulling)
- Guys walking and laughing (vertical & horizontal)
- Model shot of the whole group
- Close up of the boutonniere (if possible)
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- Individual shots with each groomsmen and the groom

**I only take “groomsmen with bride” and “bridesmaids with groom” shots if they are requested**

## Family Formals

We follow the **bride** and **groom's** questionnaire list of family formals exactly, but we also have some shots we always want to make sure that we take!

**Bride's** mom/pop together (Chris and Connie Cuellar)

**Groom's** parents together (Jonathan and Denise Vallis)

**Groom's** sister and brother-in-law (Rosie and Nick Karliss)

Groomsmen (Brandon, Jerrad, Phil, David, Nick) w/ **Groom**

Bridespeeps (Erika, Kyle, Erica, Rosie, Ashley) w/ **Bride**

Ushers (Anthony, Adam, Ben, Greg)

Officiant (Beth)

Grandma Kathy

Grandma Pat

Aunts/Uncles/Cousins

Grandparents (separately if they are single, together if they are a couple)

## Cocktail Hour

10-20 Group shots of guests while they are mingling (depends on the guest count)

Any passed hors d'oeuvres

Speciality drinks

Wide overall shot

Looking for who parents are talking to, ask for group photos of those friends

Additional **bride** & **groom** portraits

## Reception

Table group shots (I will not do every single table unless specifically asked by the **bride** and **groom**)

All Special Events:

Dances (wide & tight shots of each dance unless it is a fast choreographed dance or too fancy for close shots)

Toasts (shots of the **bride** & **groom**, those who are toasting and guests' reactions)

Cake cutting

Bouquet toss and garter

Party dancing

Shot of us with the couple

Candid of mingling

Any speciality stations for food

Any special/unique event

**Bride** and **Groom** sunset portraits

The Exit!

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