

# Sample Timeline - Half Day - NO First Look

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Saturday, December 31, 2050

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## Times to Be Determined

| TBD | NOTES FOR SAMPLE TIMELINE -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be sure to factor in any drive time between locations, plus a small buffer, and adjust the timeline accordingly.</li><li>• Longer ceremonies may impact timing and should be accounted for when planning the day.</li><li>• Check sunset time for your specific date and location, especially if you're hoping for outdoor portraits, to ensure the ceremony isn't scheduled too late in the day.</li></ul> |

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| <b>2:30 PM</b>           | Photographer arrives at Ceremony Venue and begins preparations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>2:45 PM</b>           | Dad's First Look (if wanted)<br><br><b>Bride's Dad -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please be dressed and nearby a few minutes before this time. Someone will come get you when we're ready.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>3:00 PM - 3:30 PM</b> | Bride & Bridesmaids Photos<br>(Bride alone, Bride with each bridesmaid, Bride with all bridesmaids)<br><br><b>FLOWERGIRLS -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you'd like them included, they should arrive dressed and ready by this time.</li><li>• If not, we can include them in a full wedding party photo after the ceremony.</li></ul> |
| <b>3:30 PM</b>           | Bride gets hidden away after bridesmaids photos                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>3:30 PM - 4:00 PM</b> | <p>Groom &amp; Groomsmen Photos<br/>(Groom alone, Groom with each groomsmen, &amp; Groom with all groomsmen)</p> <p><b>Groom &amp; Groomsmen -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please be dressed and ready by this time. We'll let you know where to meet.</li> <li>• We work around Bride's schedule, so if we're not there right away, just relax until we arrive.</li> <li>• We'll photograph a few relaxed "getting ready" style photos during this time as well.</li> <li>• If you're able to have your boutonnieres on your left lapel, great. If not, just have them ready and we'll assist when we arrive.</li> </ul> <p><b>RINGBEARERS -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you'd like them included, they should arrive dressed and ready by this time.</li> <li>• If not, we can include them in a full wedding party photo after the ceremony.</li> </ul> |
| <b>4:00 PM - 4:30 PM</b> | Guests Begin Arriving... Photograph ceremony details / prepare for ceremony                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>4:30 PM - 5:00 PM</b> | <p>Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receiving Line? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Not recommended when not doing a first look due to time constraints.</li> <li>◦ If planned, allow an additional 20 minutes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> | <p>Cocktail hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When not doing a first look, I recommend allowing about 1.5 hours between the ceremony and reception.</li> <li>• This can be achieved with a longer cocktail hour (1.5 hours) or by starting cocktail hour about 30 minutes later.</li> <li>• If you're unable to do a longer cocktail hour or start it later, it's okay. We will just have less time for family, full wedding party, and newlywed photos.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>5:00 PM</b>           | <p>Family photos immediately following ceremony</p> <p><b>Everyone Listed on the Family Group Shot List -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please stay nearby immediately following the ceremony. Family photos begin right away and cannot start if people are missing. This can be the most chaotic time during a wedding, and we like to eliminate as much of that as possible.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>5:30 PM</b>           | <p>Full Wedding Party photos begin</p> <p><b>Wedding Party -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please stay nearby so no one disappears. Wedding party photos will begin as soon as family photos are complete. The listed time is an estimate. Once these</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|                 | <p>photos are finished, you'll be free to join cocktail hour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls, be sure to have bouquets with you for these photos.</li> <li>• If you'd like ring bearers or flower girls included, please have them nearby and ready at this time.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>5:45 PM</b>  | Bride & Groom's Portraits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>6:15 PM</b>  | Bride gets bustled, photographers prepare for reception                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>6:30 PM</b>  | <p>Reception begins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The specific order of events is not critical for photography. At this point, I transition into documentary coverage and photograph whatever is happening.</li> <li>• With this coverage, reception photography is focused on formalities rather than extended open dancing. To ensure all key moments are documented, all formal reception events should be planned to take place during the first portion of the reception.</li> <li>• Example: introductions, first dance, toasts, welcome or prayer, dinner, cake cutting, and parent dances.</li> </ul> |
| <b>7:00 PM</b>  | <p>Photographers' end time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With this coverage, I'm typically only at the reception for the first portion to cover the formalities. This includes introductions, first dance, toasts, and parent dances if they are scheduled early in the reception.</li> <li>• If you'd like cake cutting photographed, it should also take place before dinner.</li> <li>• Coverage concludes once these formal moments are complete, as dinner is the natural stopping point for this collection.</li> </ul>                                                                                 |
| <b>TBD</b>      | <p>Sunset Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We'll keep an eye on the sky and let you know when it's best to step out for 5-10 minutes of evening photos.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>TBD</b>      | Sparkler photos or faux exit (if planned)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>11:00 PM</b> | Reception Ends                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |