



Basic Photography Contract Template

Event Date : _____

Time Photography Starts: _____

This agreement is between _____ **[PHOTOGRAPHER NAME]**, hereinafter referred to as the "Photographer" and the signers of this photography agreement, hereinafter referred to as the "Clients", collectively referred to as the "Parties", with the details below.

The prices outlined on this contract are integral parts of this document. The contract terms, agreement, and price list are the only legally binding documents between the Parties.

Contracting Parties

_____ **[CLIENT NAME]**

_____ **[CLIENT STREET ADDRESS]**

_____ **[CLIENT CITY]**

_____ **[CLIENT STATE]**

_____ **[CLIENT ZIP/POST CODE]**

[CLIENT TELEPHONE]

Event Information

Venue

[VENUE NAME]

[VENUE STREET ADDRESS]

[VENUE CITY]

[VENUE STATE/COUNTY]

[VENUE ZIP/POST CODE]

[VENUE TIME ARRIVAL]

Agreement Overview

This agreement contains the entire understanding between the Photographer and the Client. It supersedes all prior and simultaneous agreements between the Parties.

The only way to add or change this agreement is to do so in writing, signed by all the Parties.

If the Parties want to waive one provision of this agreement, that does not mean that any other provision is also waived.

The party against whom a waiver is sought to be effective must have signed a waiver in writing.

Coverage

Coverage will begin at _____ **[COVERATE START DATE/TIME]**,

and continue for _____ **[HOURS]** hours purchased, contiguously.

Change of Date or Venue

The Photographer must be notified immediately of any changes in schedule or location, at least one week prior to the scheduled date of event. Notification of any changes can be made by phone along with written notice sent via email for documentation.

If an email is sent, a confirmation of receipt must be sent back by the Photographer in writing or via email. It is the client's responsibility to confirm all arrangements at least _____ **[DAYS]** days prior to the event.

In the event of change of address or contact information (time, etc.) as listed, you must notify the Photographer.

The Photographer kindly asks that the Client get in touch with the Photographer _____ **[WEEKS]** weeks prior to the date of the event in order to touch base and go over last minute details.

The Photographer will make every effort to contact the Client, but it is the Client's responsibility to contact the Photographer to confirm all events and times.

Retainer / Deposit

A retainer fee of _____ **[RETAINER/DEPOSIT FEE AMOUNT]** is required for all bookings.

This is a **non refundable / refundable** **[CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE]** retainer/deposit.

In the event of cancellation, the retainer/deposit paid is **non-refundable/refundable** **[CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE]**.

It shall be liquidated for damages to the Photographer in the event of a cancellation, or breach of contract by the Client. No date is reserved until a retainer is received. The retainer shall be applied towards the total cost of the service to be rendered.

The balance of the complete package price must be paid _____ **[DAYS]** days before the event. If final payment is not received, the Photographer will not be expected to attend said event.

Additional custom orders (reprints, enlargements, albums) must be paid in full at the time of order.

Cancellation

There shall be **no** refund of retainer/deposit after the signing of the Agreement and the reservation of the photography date.

If the event is cancelled within _____ **[TIMESCALE]** of the date, the client shall pay the balance of the contract due to the high probability that the Photographer will not be able to further book that date.

Once a balance is paid, it is **non-refundable**. Any other arrangements shall be discussed between the Clients and the Photographer. All arrangements will be put in writing. Cancellation must be in writing even if a phone call was made to inform the Photographer of the cancellation.

Failure to Perform

The parties agree to cheerful cooperation and communication for the best possible result within the definition of this assignment.

Due to the limited and subjective nature of the event, the Photographer cannot be held responsible for requested photographs not taken or missed, lack of coverage resulting from weather conditions, or schedule complications caused by but not limited to, anyone in or at the event, or by the location restrictions.

The Photographer is not responsible for lost photo opportunities due to other cameras or flashes, the lateness of the clients or other principles.

The Photographer is not responsible for the lack of coverage due to weather conditions, scheduling complications due to lateness of individuals, rules and restrictions of venue, or the rendering of decorations of the location.

It is acknowledged that any lists submitted to the Photographer will be used for organizational purposes only and in no way represent photography that will actually be produced.

The Photographer will do its best to fulfill all requests but can make no guarantees all images will be delivered. The Photographer recommends that the Client point out important individuals for informal or candid photographs to the photographer during portrait shooting that they wish to have photographed.

The Photographer will not be held accountable for not photographing desired people if there is no one to assist in identifying people or gathering people for photographs. The Photographer is not responsible if key individuals fail to appear or cooperate during photography sessions or for missed images due to details not revealed to the Photographer.

Copyright

Copyright to all products shall remain with the Photographer until the Client has paid in full. All photos are copyrighted. The negatives and/or digital images (hereinafter collectively the "images") created by the Photographer remain the property of the Photographer.

It is illegal to copy, scan, reproduce, or post online in forums or elsewhere without the written permission of the Photographer. Violators of this law will be subject to its civil and criminal penalties.

Permission is hereby granted to the Photographer to use any images created under this contract for professional samples, displays, internet website pages, advertising, exhibitions, contests, and any other purpose.

The Photographer retains the copyright to all images produced by the Photographer and/or the Photographer's subcontractors. If purchasing Hi-Resolution images on CD/DVD, Clients will be given a written release to make personal copies of images from CDs or DVDs.

The client understands the images given on CD/DVD cannot be used for profit or advertising and all posting of images on the internet must be acknowledged as images by the Photographer.

Exclusive Photographer

The Photographer and/or any photographers hired by the Photographer to photograph shall be the exclusive photographer(s) retained by the Client for the purpose of the

portrait photography. Family and friends of the clients and other event vendors shall not interfere with the Photographer's duties.

Guests will be asked to refrain from taking flash photographs at certain intervals of the event to ensure proper exposure of images.

Expenses

Travel expenses such as parking, shipping, or destination fees must be reimbursed to the Photographer and will be added to the balance due after the event. Travel fees are pre-determined and will be set out in the initial payment total. Clients are responsible for all location fees and permits.

Event Food Service

A light meal is required for events up to 6 hours for the Photographer. For events up to and past 8 hours a full course meal is required. If no meal is provided, it is understood that the Photographer will leave the event to purchase a meal and henceforth be reimbursed.

Garments

The Photographer cannot be held responsible for damage to Garments due to environmental events. Client is responsible to arrange personal assistance for garments.

Creative License

Images are edited at the Photographer's discretion, and delivered prints may not include all images shot. The Photographer reserves the creative rights to edit and release only those images deemed creditable as professional in quality and within the photographer's artistic standards.

Force Majeure

If the Photographer or its assigns cannot perform this Agreement due to a fire, casualty, strike or other civil disturbances, Acts of God, including but not limited to, road closures, severe traffic, terrorism or other causes beyond the control of the parties, then the Photographer shall return any moneys paid by the Client, less retainer fee and expenses, but shall have no further liability with respect to the Agreement.

This limitation of liability shall also apply in the event that photographic materials are damaged, lost through camera malfunction, compact flash card malfunction, or otherwise lost or damaged without the fault on the part of the Photographer.

The limit of liability for a partial loss of originals shall be a prorated amount of the exposures lost based on the percentage of total number of originals.

Cost of Hire

Please make all checks/cheques payable to _____
[NAME OF PHOTOGRAPHER]

Package: _____ [PACKAGE NAME]

Details: _____ [PACKAGE DETAILS]

Additional Products: _____

Additional Products Total = _____ [ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS TOTAL
COST]

Initial Package Total = _____ [INITIAL PACKAGE TOTAL COST]

+ Sales Tax/VAT _____ [SALES TAX/VAT AMOUNT]

= Final Total _____ [FINAL TOTAL COST]

Final Total Package Balance Due: _____ [FINAL TOTAL PACKAGE
BALANCE]

This total is due _____ [TIMESCALE] before the event. No photography will be fulfilled without payment in full.

This is a contract for personal photography services to be provided by the Photographer and/or individuals subcontracted to do work for the Photographer. The Parties agree to the above and below terms and conditions, and acknowledge that they have received, read, and understand the Photographer's current price list.

To be legally bound to these terms please sign and date below. Ensure both parties retain copies of this agreement.

SIGNED: _____ [PHOTOGRAPHER] _____ [DATE]

SIGNED: _____ [CLIENT] _____ [DATE]

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