

## Sample Wedding Day Timeline

[Couple's Name]

[Wedding Date]

[Wedding Location(s)]

7:00am	Arrival of Hair & Makeup Artist [include vendor names] ; have a detailed list of people getting hair & makeup done & at what times. Make sure to include a touch up of Bride's hair & makeup before heading out for first look. Have Bride & MoB or MoH be ready sooner to allow time for photos getting into dresses. Make sure all dresses are steamed the night before. (Include address if different than venue)
10:00am	Arrival of Wedding Planner [include vendor name] ; checks in with couple, starts setting up details
11:30am	Arrival of Groom & Groomsmen ; arrived showered, with suit pressed and hair done.
12:30pm	Start Getting Ready. This is getting ready prep. Making sure you are ready to the point discussed with your photographer for getting ready photos. Be ready for photos, all of your items (tie, shoes, vow books, dress, jewelry, rings, etc) ready to go, your space cleaned. The day officially starts here! Make sure all of the people who need to be there at this time, have arrived!
1:00pm	Arrival of Photography, Videography & Florals [include vendor names] detail & getting ready photos of both bride & groom, sometimes separate bridesmaids and groomsmen photos are put here (have a box of details ready for them when they arrive)! ; ceremony floral setup & bouquet & boutonniere delivery. If parents or any siblings need to be involved in any getting ready photos, make sure they are fully ready ahead of time.
2:00pm	First Look This is also a great time to include private vows if the couple wants to do them privately. This is also a great time to take a few extra romantic photos together. Take your time here, this is a moment you don't want to rush. Arrival of DJ [include vendor name]
2:30pm	Wedding Party Photos Make sure to do group photos, as well as a photo with each individual friend. This is a great time to tell your family members who are coming early for family photos to arrive.
3:00pm	Family Photos I always encourage doing family photos before the ceremony. It helps with the after ceremony chaos, it helps you have more time to hug each family member instead of feeling rushed after the ceremony, and it allows you to enjoy cocktail hour. Depending on your family size this amount of time will vary. Make sure to consult your family ahead of time for their opinions for these photos so that your photographer has a list ahead of time. Have your photographer's second shooter do candids and portraits of smaller groups while waiting.
4:15pm	All setup is complete. Arrival of Desserts [include vendor name]
4:30pm	Arrival of Guests. End of Family Photos. This is a transition time. Have the DJ mic up who they need. Have the Bride & Groom tucked away to relax together for a moment, grab water, pee! Make sure photography & videography grab detail shots of the ceremony &

	possibly the reception before guests arrive. Make sure the officiant, wedding party, family members, etc. all know where they are supposed to go for the ceremony.
5:00pm	<b>Ceremony</b> Make sure to have a detailed list of your walking order, if any special traditions or ceremonies are included. Make sure the vow books and rings are assigned to someone. If anyone is giving a reading or blessing, include them in the timeline. Include which music you would like played to help your DJ or musicians.
5:30pm	<b>End of Ceremony</b> After you make your way down the aisle, take a minute to tuck away and take in the magic that just happened! Maybe have someone ready with a cocktail! Give yourselves time to process and embrace before heading to the next thing on the list!
5:35pm	<b>Start of Cocktail Hour</b> Have your wedding planner usher your guests to cocktail hour. If you have any other family photos, you can do them before heading to join cocktail hour with your guests
6:35pm	<b>End of Cocktail Hour</b> Guests are directed to reception & dinner by wedding planner
6:45pm	<b>Grand Entrance</b> Such a fun way to start the reception
6:50pm	<b>First Dance</b> I love it when couples go straight from Grand Entrance into First Dance. It keeps the energy up and is a flawless transition. Plus great lighting for First Dance photos!
6:55pm	<b>Toasts + Couple Eats + Guests Served Dinner</b> (Include list of names) Pro Tip for Toasts - encourage your guests to keep them between 3-5 minutes, don't do more than 4 Toasts. If you want more Toasts, do them during the rehearsal dinner. Make sure to allow time to eat and that your caterers have a full plate ready for you as soon as you sit down
7:40pm	<b>Golden Hour Photos</b> This is when the couple sneaks away while the guests are still eating to grab those beautiful romantic photos during the golden hour lighting with their photo and video teams. This is a must have! These are the photos you frame and it is one of the only moments throughout the day that you are finally alone, take it in!
8:00pm - 10:00pm	<b>Cake Cutting, Traditional Dances, Table Visits/ Mingling, Open Dancing/Dessert</b> The rest of the night is up to you! You can gauge this on your crowd, how you want to spend your night, what time your venue closes and if you want to engage in any "traditions". My encouragement is always - it is your day, do it your way!!
8:30	<b>Sunset</b>
TBD	<b>Departure Time from Venue/ End Time for all Vendors.</b>

Remember this timeline is just a guideline. Build your day however you want to spend your day! I always encourage starting with the sunset time and the ceremony start time and building from there! Never hesitate to ask questions: [www.katelynbradleyphotography.com/contact](http://www.katelynbradleyphotography.com/contact)