

First Dance - Photo / Video Checklist

Provide this information to your photographer / videographer at least 2 weeks prior to the wedding:

- ***The Starting Point and Orientation:*** *Tell them exactly where you will enter the floor, and which way you will be facing for the majority of the dance.*
- ***The "Hero" Moves:*** *Clearly identify specific poses, and any dips, lifts, or high-energy twirls. This ensures they are not changing lenses or batteries during "wow" moments.*
- ***Specific Angle Requests:*** *If your routine has a "good side" or features a specific "money shot", mark it on your list.*
- ***Duration and Transitions:*** *Let them know the exact length of your dance routine and, if you have opted for a hybrid dance mix, the exact moment when guests will be joining you on the dance floor.*
- ***Rehearsal Footage:*** *Send them a cell phone video of your final practice. This is the most effective way for them to anticipate your movements and their lighting needs.*
- ***Lighting:*** *Discuss your venue lighting plan (e.g. spotlights, "cold spark" fountains, fairy lights, etc.) to ensure they have the correct camera settings ready.*
- ***Content Creator:*** *If you have hired a social media content creator in addition to your pro team, ensure they have a coordinated zone to work in, so they don't block the professional lenses.*