

John Kelly Photos - Photographer checklist

Before photographing your event, verify the following settings. Ensure you know how to access and configure these settings on all your cameras *before arriving* at your event. These settings are mandatory unless specifically authorized otherwise.

- Photographer has x2 (two) professional DSLR or mirrorless cameras;
- Photographer has a 70-200mm f/2.8 fixed aperture lens;
- Photographer has enough extra batteries, memory cards and weather gear to shoot thousand of images throughout the course of the day;

- Camera is set to shoot at a **minimum shutter speed of 1/1000th** of a second;
- Camera is set to **aperture f/4** unless otherwise authorized;
- Camera is set to aperture priority, or shooting mode that maintains aperture;
- Camera is set to continuous autofocus with back-button focus enabled;
- Camera time is **synced to the event's local timezone exactly**. Local timezone should be determined using <https://time.gov>;
- Camera is set to use scene exposure or scene metering, not spot exposure;
- Camera is set to auto image rotation on;
- Camera is set to shoot a copy of images to two (2) memory cards simultaneously;
- Camera is set to use a unique filename prefix (IE, your initials or company name);

- Two memory cards are inserted into the camera;
- All memory cards are formatted (including extra memory cards);
- Camera is shooting JPEG images (no RAW);
- Camera is set to take images at the appropriate quality and resolution. **You MUST be shooting images that are as close to 2100 pixels x 1400 pixels without going under that resolution**. Ideally, all images should be **under 2 MB**. However, for cameras with large sensors, choose the most compression and smallest size to get you as close to 2 MB as possible. **It is the photographer's sole responsibility to know before the event** which camera settings to set their camera to. If you do not know, please take a picture BEFORE the event, and check the resolution and file size. Adjust compression/size as needed and make note of the settings.