

This document involves payment terms, cancellation penalties, and image-rights/ownership language that carry real financial and legal consequences if disputed. It is a general starting point only — not legal advice — and should be reviewed by an attorney licensed in your state before use.

Event & Portrait Session Agreement

This agreement is entered into as of [Date] between [Photographer name] ("Photographer") and [Client name] ("Client").

1. Session Details

Session type: [Session type, e.g., "engagement session," "family portraits," "corporate headshots," "birthday party coverage"]. Date: [Session date]. Time: [Start time]. Location: [Address or venue name].

2. Duration & Deliverables

Session length: [Duration, e.g., "1 hour"]. Client will receive [Number of edited images delivered, e.g., 40] professionally edited, high-resolution digital images, delivered via online gallery within [Number, e.g., 2] weeks of the session.

3. Fee & Payment

Total fee: [Fee], due [Payment terms, e.g., "in full at booking" or "50% at booking, 50% on the session date"].

4. Rescheduling & Weather

Client may reschedule at no charge with at least [Number, e.g., 48] hours' notice. [For an outdoor session: "If weather makes the location unsafe or unworkable, Photographer and Client will agree on a new date or an alternate indoor location at no additional fee." Otherwise delete this sentence.]

5. Image Rights & Usage

Photographer owns the copyright in all images produced under this agreement. Client receives a personal-use license to print, share, and display the delivered images for non-commercial purposes. Photographer may use the images for portfolio, website, social media, and other marketing and promotional purposes, unless Client opts out in writing before the session date.

6. Limitation of Liability

Photographer's total liability under this agreement will not exceed the total fee paid by Client.

7. Governing Law

This agreement is governed by the laws of the State of [State].

Signatures

By signing below, each party agrees to these terms.

[Client name] ("Client")

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____ Date: _____

[Photographer name] ("Photographer")

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____ Date: _____

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