

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.

Second Shooter Agreement

This agreement is entered into as of [Date] between [Photographer name] ("Primary Photographer") and [Second Shooter name] ("Second Shooter") for photography assistance at the event below.

1. Event Details

Event date: [Event date]. Venue: [Venue name and address]. Call time: [Call time]. Wrap time: [Wrap time].

2. Rate & Payment

Primary Photographer will pay Second Shooter [Rate, e.g., "\$400 flat" or "\$50/hour"], due [Payment terms, e.g., "within 14 days of the event"].

3. Image Ownership & Copyright

All images captured by Second Shooter at the event are considered "work made for hire" and, to the extent not automatically owned by Primary Photographer under that doctrine, Second Shooter assigns all copyright in those images to Primary Photographer. Second Shooter will deliver all images from the event to Primary Photographer within [Number, e.g., 3] days, unedited and without watermark, and will not deliver images directly to the client or any other party.

4. Second Shooter's Portfolio Use

[Choose one: "Second Shooter may use a selection of up to [Number, e.g., 10] images from the event in their own portfolio and social media, with credit to Primary Photographer as the lead photographer, only after Primary Photographer has delivered final edited images to the client." OR "Second Shooter may not use any images from this event for self-promotion without Primary Photographer's prior written consent."]

5. Independent Contractor Status

Second Shooter is an independent contractor, not an employee of Primary Photographer. Second Shooter provides their own equipment, is responsible for their own taxes and business insurance, and is not entitled to employee benefits of any kind.

6. Non-Solicitation

Second Shooter will not solicit Primary Photographer's client for future photography work, directly or indirectly, for [Number, e.g., 2] years following the event.

7. Confidentiality

Second Shooter will keep the client's name, contact information, and any details learned about the event or the client's personal life confidential, and will not discuss or post about them except as permitted under Section 4.

8. Cancellation

[Describe cancellation terms for both sides, e.g., "If Second Shooter cancels within 14 days of the event, they forfeit any deposit paid and are responsible for helping Primary Photographer find a replacement if possible. If Primary Photographer cancels the event or this engagement, Second Shooter is paid in full for the date reserved."]

9. Governing Law

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

Signatures

By signing below, each party agrees to these terms.

[Photographer name] ("Primary Photographer")

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____ Date: _____

[Second Shooter name] ("Second Shooter")

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____ Date: _____

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