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WEDDING CONTRACT

Our ultimate intention here at Ina McCarthy for Flowers is to design and create your wedding flowers that will always hold exquisite memories and enhance your big day.

However, in some rare cases, there are elements which are outside of our control that may hinder the service and products we provide.

We invite you to read these elements thoroughly and accept that the work we do for you is sometimes out of our control and liability. We would also like to assure you that even though these conditions are mostly unforeseen we do our best to pre-empt these moments to the best of our ability.

What is out of our control?

The weather:

Storms, wind, rain, extreme heat and sun, along with any other natural elements may damage floral arrangements. As flowers are perishable they are very susceptible to their environment. Bear in mind, your flowers will have already travelled from Holland, South Africa, South America etc and factors like high winds, high temperatures or rain may cause some flower species to shrivel, flop, blow open or blacken, even more so if they are out of season flowers or have a short life span once cut.

Damaged/Delayed Flowers:

In very exceptional circumstances, some flowers from Holland/Abroad may arrive to us damaged or flawed. If this happens, which is a rarity, you will be contacted immediately and we would do our best to get an exact replacement. If that is not possible, the alternative is the use of a flower with high similarities. The process for our flowers to arrive at our shop involves transport by plane,

shop, truck and/or van from Holland to Middleton. In adverse conditions, some of these transport methods may be prohibited from movement due to various reasons, or may be delayed due to unforeseen events. This is outside our control and if it occurs, you would be contacted and alternative flowers would be used where possible.

Guests petal-napping the pews:

If during or after the church/ceremony, one or a number of your guests removes your pew end(s), or causes damage to any floral arrangements, this is beyond our responsibility and unfortunately will result in a loss of table centres and/or arrangements at your afters if you are re-using the pews and/or arrangements.

Staining:

We remove all pollen from our flowers before they are given to bridal parties or set up in the church/ceremony or venue. However, as flowers are a natural product they can continue to open and change throughout the day. We do not hold any responsibility for any clothing or belongings stained by flowers. Our stemmed bouquets are dried off the morning of the wedding but squeezing, pressure, heat and movement throughout the day may cause flower stems to ooze and again we are not responsible for any staining caused.

Candlelight:

You need permission from your church/ceremony or venue to use naked candlelight and we will not be responsible or liable for any accidents or wax drippings. If moving hired items please ensure the candles are removed from the lanterns before transferring as wet wax will stick to the glass and you will be responsible for its removal.

Mood-boards

Mood-boards are used during your bridal consult with our Bridal Specialists. They involve collected images and ideas from various sources. Please be aware that due to photo apps, cameras, external and editing conditions, your bouquet and arrangements may not be identical replicas of these photos. These boards are created on an individual basis and are not to be used by another florist

thereafter. Inclusion of your wedding dress is optional and please take responsibility for who you share the images with.

Photography

We may take photos of our floral work for our portfolio and social media pages. Please let us know prior if you or your bridal party do not want to be in any of these photos. Photos of our work are our property and copyright and should not be used for any other persons or companies.

Hired Items

All the props we use for your day have been invested in by Ina McCarthy for Flowers for your enjoyment and the enjoyment of future wedding parties. If weather conditions are unfavourable, we place hired items indoors instead of outdoors to protect their condition. After your wedding, ALL items need to be returned within 24 hours in perfect condition, undamaged and clean, or 48 hours if previously agreed. You can arrange for these items to be collected by us at an additional travel and collection fee. Any lost, misplaced or damaged items must be paid for in full with item prices available on request. Hire times such as lanterns ,glass vases etc will not be placed outside during bad weather conditions such as rain or high winds.

Pew Bows / Pew Décor

If, on the morning of the wedding you are collecting your bridal flowers from the shop, you will receive hired decorative bows or décor to attach to your pew ends.

These are hired items and your responsibility to return them to our shop in the same manner as any other hired item

If, on the day of the wedding, you have paid for us to set up the church/ ceremony only, we will attach your requested bows/decoration to the pew ends during this set up. These are hired items and as mentioned above, your responsibility to return them to our shop in the same manner as any other hired item.

The exception to these cases is if you have paid for us to set up the church/ ceremony **and** the venue, then it is our responsibility to collect our pew bows/ décor when we transfer items from the church/ceremony to the venue.

Arches

For arches attached to the Church/Ceremony structure nails and hooks need to be in place prior to the wedding and permission from said venue needs to be obtained. Illusion arches are weighted with sand bags for windy weather but in weather extremes these structures may have to be paced indoors. In many cases arches can not be reused at the afters.

Final Decisions

Flowers are ordered a week in advance and staff are scheduled a month in advance, final decisions should be made at least a month prior to your wedding.

Changes to Schedule

Staff are scheduled 2 weeks in advance, any major delays on the day means that staff will have to be paid overtime.

Itemised breakdown

All items need to be on your itemised breakdown that you will received via email, if hire items or floral items are not on this list they will not be provided on the day

Collection of Bridal bouquets

Bridal bouquets and buttonholes can either be collected from our Shop at 44 main street or from your ceremony location, we do not delivery to home addresses unless agreed in advance, home delivery needs to be booked at least two weeks in advance and may incur an extra delivery charge.

Indoor vs Outdoor ceremonies

If you are deciding between an outdoor or indoor ceremony this decision needs to be make 48hrs in advance to facilitate your ceremony set up. Decision on the morning of is too late.

Buttonholes, Pins and Corsages.

For safety reasons, we recommend pageboys aged 5 and under use safety pins on their buttonholes to secure to clothing. Buttonholes are usually designed

with pins for older children and adults. These pins secure the buttonhole to suits and clothing worn on the day. However, these pins may or may not tear delicate garments, hired outfits or personal items of clothing worn on the day. It is your choice to wear the buttonholes and be responsible for your garments, hired or otherwise. We are not liable for any damage or staining to clothing from wearing the buttonholes or mothers corsages.

Payment

Once you are happy with our work, and have researched fully our style of floristry, a deposit of €100 is required to secure your wedding date with us.

Once this deposit is paid and you receive the Bridal Floral Form to complete and return to us by email, can you book a wedding consult.

If in a rare case, you decide to discontinue using our services and floristry work after your wedding consult, your deposit of €100 is non-refundable.

The first consult is complimentary, however additional consults will be at a cost of 50 euros and added to your final payment due.

Weddings must be paid for in FULL the week before the wedding, at the latest. Any bank transfers need to be transferred and **received** in our account the week prior to your wedding day. You can pay by cash, card, check, bank transfer or PayPal.

Vat of 13.5% will be added onto your final bill.

Consultations

Wedding consultation with one of our bridal specialists need to be booked in advance. They can only be booked once a deposit is paid and the Pre consultation Form is completed and returned to us by email.

They can only be attended once you have your wedding dress and bridesmaid dresses are confirmed as this information is critical to decision making throughout the consult.

Calling unannounced to the shop will not guarantee that you will be able to talk to one of our wedding specialists. Bless email and we can schedule a phone call if you need to chat through anything before paying your deposit with us.

Phone Consultations are also available for brides not in the area or for brides not able to attend in person.

Please either attend or with one other person, we do not have the space to facilitate more than two people. You can bring your partner but please be aware that we go into detail looking at dresses etc and you may not want your partner to be involved in this part of the process.

Appointments are scarce during peak wedding season and weekend appointments are difficult to book between April and September. The start of the week is preferable and some late evenings are available if booked in advance. The initial consult is free and any subsequent consults are charged. Read payment section above. Please bear in mind that it is not possible to consult via phone for long durations in the day unless a booking is made. This impacts our normal working schedule and for completion of daily tasks and deadlines due for our customers and brides. Consultations do not take place during peak periods such as Valentines, Mothers Day or Christmas.

Since consults take place within the flower shop, it is your responsibility to wear warm clothing, especially in the winter, spring and autumn seasons as we keep the temperature cool to protect our flowers longevity.

**Contracts are mandatory for all weddings.
In paying a deposit for your wedding, you hereby understand and accept the above terms and conditions. Wedding contracts are not complete without agreeing to this contract.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you.

Ina McCarthy for Flowers,
Your Wedding Specialists.