

## PRE-SHOT CHECKLIST

### Before you leave:

- ✓ Is my battery charged?
- ✓ Do I have enough memory?
- ✓ Have I formatted my memory card?
- ✓ Am I using RAW or JPEG?
- ✓ Do I have the right lenses?
- ✓ Are my lenses clean?
- ✓ How's the weather?
- ✓ Do I need to bring a tripod?
- ✓ Do I need to bring a flash?
- ✓ Should I bring a polarizing filter?
- ✓ Is my camera set to the right ISO, white balance, metering, aperture, and shutter speed?

### Composing the shot:

- ✓ How will I use this picture?
- ✓ What about this scene do I want to capture?
- ✓ What do I want to hide?
- ✓ What's in the background?
- ✓ Should I shoot this horizontally, vertically, or both?
- ✓ Do I have room to crop?
- ✓ Should I move in or out?
- ✓ Should I crouch down or hold my camera over my head?
- ✓ Should I zoom in or out?
- ✓ Is there a better angle if I move around the subject?
- ✓ Is my camera level?

### Camera settings:

- ✓ Is my shutter fast enough to prevent camera shake?
- ✓ Is my shutter fast enough to freeze the subject?

- ✓ Should I show or blur the background?
- ✓ Is the ISO as low as possible?
- ✓ Is the color temperature/white balance set right?
- ✓ Should I be using image stabilization?

### Lighting:

- ✓ Would the lighting be better at a different time of day?
- ✓ Is the lighting too soft or harsh?
- ✓ Are the shadows distracting?
- ✓ Is the sky overexposed?
- ✓ Should I be using a polarizing filter?
- ✓ Do I need to adjust the exposure?
- ✓ Should I use flash?
- ✓ Should I bounce the flash?
- ✓ Am I using too much or not enough flash?

### Portraits:

- ✓ Are the eyes in focus?
- ✓ Where is the model looking?
- ✓ What is the model doing with his or her hands?
- ✓ Are the people standing awkwardly?
- ✓ Should the model smile?

### After the shot:

- ✓ Is anything overexposed or underexposed?
- ✓ Is the color temperature correct?
- ✓ Is the subject sharp?
- ✓ Should I take another picture from the same angle?
- ✓ Should I shoot both horizontally and vertically?
- ✓ Should I shoot from a different angle?
- ✓ Do I need a model release?