Model's Collaboration Checklist For Aspiring Models: What to Clarify Before Saying Yes to a Shoot

1. Creative Direction

- Do you understand the concept and storyline of the shoot?
- Have you received a moodboard or 5–8 visual references?
- Does the **styling direction** (editorial, casual, ethnic, etc.) align with your comfort and identity?
- Are you excited by the aesthetic, mood and purpose of the collaboration?

2. Team & Communication

- We have you been given the names and handles of:
 - Photographer
 - Makeup Artist
 - Hair Stylist
 - Wardrobe Stylist
 - Designer / Label
 - Creative Director
- Have all team responsibilities been clearly communicated?
- **V** Do you feel **respected**, **heard and safe** during conversations?
- Are key agreements **confirmed in writing** (WhatsApp/email)?

3. Shoot Logistics

- **V** Date, Time & Duration of the shoot confirmed?
- Exact **location** shared (with maps or directions)?

- Who is bringing the clothes, accessories, props?
- Are you required to bring anything of your own?
- Changing area available if outdoors? Is it safe and private?
- Is a **stylist or assistant** present to help with outfits?

4. Post-Shoot & Deliverables

- We How many **final edited photos** will you receive?
- Will you get high-resolution files?
- **Timeline** for when images will be delivered?
- Where will the images be shared or published?
- Are you allowed to use them on your social media or portfolio?
- Will you be **credited properly**?
- Is there a **clear value exchange** (portfolio, exposure, print, experience)?

5. Wellbeing & Safety

- Are you comfortable with the styling, poses and environment?
- Whave you shared your boundaries or concerns openly?
- Will there be **breaks**, water, food provided?
- Are travel costs covered or reimbursed?
- Is the shoot happening in a safe, insured or permitted location?
- Is it okay to bring a guardian or trusted friend, especially if under 18?
- Are there **emergency contacts or safety plans** in place?

Final Tip

Don't hesitate to ask questions. A professional collaborator will never make you feel bad for wanting clarity or fairness.

You are the magic. Your voice matters.

Grateful,

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