Member Acknowledgment

I have written authorization (copyright release attached) from the author granting permission for copies to be made.

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Member’s Name (Please Print)

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Member’s Signature

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Date

Lab Use Only:

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Associate’s Name (Please Print)

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Order Number

Copyright Law and Your Photos
What you should know about picture reprinting
When reprinting certain photos, you could be personally liable for copyright infringement even if you didn’t mean to break the law. Read on for details on the Sam’s Club® copyright policy and how it affects our ability to make reprints for you.

The Facts
A protection granted by the U.S. Constitution and subsequent laws, copyrights are granted to authors of original works. The law shields those works from unauthorized duplication by imposing damages and/or criminal penalties on people who violate it. For additional information, visit the U.S. Copyright Office Web site at copyright.gov.

Purchasing prints from a professional photographer or studio does not mean the copyright is no longer valid.

Our Policy
In compliance with federal law, Sam’s Club requires a signed release from the photographer or studio before we will copy a photograph that is signed, stamped or otherwise identified by any professional photographer or studio.

We won’t copy a photograph that appears to have been taken by a professional photographer or portrait studio, without a release, even if it is not marked with any sort of copyright indication.

By upholding copyright law, Sam’s Club not only protects the rights of professional photographers, but also protects you from potential copyright infringement penalties.

What You Can Do
Sam’s Club requires a release as well as the attached Member Acknowledgment Form for each order containing a copyrighted photo (or a photo that appears to have been taken by a professional photographer or studio). The form must be signed by the Member and remain on file at the Club for five years.

There are three ways you can obtain a release for legally reprinting your pictures at the Sam’s Club Digital Photo Center.

• Contact your photographer or studio. They may be willing to provide you with a release.
• If you cannot locate your specific photographer, try contacting the Professional Photographers of America, Inc. at 1.800.786.6277. Or, visit their Web site at ppa.com.
• Use the attached Copyright Release Form for your convenience.

Copyright Release

Title of Photograph(s)

Description of Photograph(s)

I certify that I am the photographer for the photo(s) described above. I authorize Sam’s Club® to make copies of the photo(s) described above as set forth in the following:

Number of Copies/Sizes

This Permission Expires On

Photographer’s Name (Please Print)

Photographer’s Signature

Address

Phone

Date

This form is provided as a courtesy. We will accept other release forms from your photographer.