

Rule 1. Scope of Rules

(A) Juvenile Court Jurisdiction

The Rules of Juvenile Procedure, as supplemented by these local rules, govern all procedures in proceedings in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court within the jurisdictional boundaries as provided by law.

(B) Original Actions

Original actions filed in this court are governed by the following:

- (1) The rules of civil procedure;
- (2) The rules of criminal procedure;
- (3) The local rules of juvenile procedure;
- (4) The rules of evidence;
- (5) The Ohio traffic rules; and
- (6) All applicable statutes.

(C) Amendment of Rules

The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court has the authority to change its local rules of practice. Ordinarily, when the court proposes to make a change to the local rules, the court shall post the rule and invite comment by interested persons at least 30 days before the effective date. In its discretion, the court may allow additional time for comments to be received. Notice shall be accomplished by placing the proposed change on the court's website (<http://juvenile.cuyahogacounty.us>), by posting the proposed change on the bulletin board located in the juvenile court clerk of court's office, and by providing copies of the proposed change to the Guardian ad Litem Project, to the Public Defender's Office, to the Prosecutor's Office, and to any persons requesting a copy. Following the 30 day period for comment, the court, in its discretion, may modify, delete, or adopt a proposed rule change as originally proposed. The court may immediately delete or modify an existing rule or adopt a new rule if, in the opinion of the court, either exigent circumstances so require or the rule change is ministerial to the function of the court. Public comments should be forwarded in writing to: Juvenile Court Staff Attorney, Juvenile Justice Center, 9300 Quincy Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.