



IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO  
STANDARD COMPANIONSHIP RULES FOR DOMESTIC & JUVENILE COURTS  
AS ADOPTED BY LOCAL RULE BY JUDGES RICHARD L. JAMES AND PAMELA A. RINTALA EFFECTIVE  
FOR VISITATION MATTERS HEARD ON AND AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 1995

1. The parties will alternate weekends, with the time for pickup by the non-residential parent being Friday 6 PM, and the non-residential parent will return the children to the custodial home on Sunday 6PM.
2. Notwithstanding any other companionship schedule herein, Mother's Day will always be spent with the mother and Father's Day will always be spent with the father—from 9AM in the morning to 9PM in the evening.
3. Each of the parents will have one-half of the summer vacation period. If the child is NOT on vacation out of the area then the parent who does not have the child for the period will have the alternating weekend schedule and every Wednesday companionship provided in paragraph number 9. The summer vacation will be in two periods, with the parties alternating the periods from one year to the other. The FIRST PERIOD will begin the first Sunday after school is out at 6PM, and will end July 15th at 9 AM. The SECOND PERIOD will begin July 15th at 9 AM and end the last Friday of the summer vacation before school begins, at 6 PM.
4. In addition to the Mother's Day and Father's Day Holidays, the parties will share the following holidays and special days:

	Even Numbered Years	Odd Numbered Years
Easter Sunday, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day and Friday after Thanksgiving, December 25	non-residential parent	residential parent
Memorial Day, Labor Day, December 24 and the child's birthday	residential parent	non-residential parent
First Period of Summer Vacation, ending July 15 9 AM	non-residential parent	residential parent
Second Period of Summer Vacation, starting July 15 9AM	residential parent	non-residential parent

With the exception of the summer vacation periods, the time for the companionship will be from 9 AM until 9 PM for holidays and special days listed above. If a birthday falls on one of the above holidays, summer vacation or special days, then the birthday companionship schedule will NOT apply. In the event Labor Day falls during the summer vacation period, then the Labor Day Holiday schedule applies.

IN ADDITION DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, if there is no school on a Friday and/or Monday, the parent who has the children for the weekend MAY also have the children for the Friday and/or Monday that there is no school. If there is no school on Friday, the weekend companionship will begin Thursday at 6PM. If there is no school on Monday, the weekend visitation ends on Monday at 6 PM. These extra days do not apply during the summer period of vacation, do not apply to either the Spring, Thanksgiving or December holiday breaks, and do not apply to change the holiday and special day schedule which is above.

5. If the parties have other days of special importance they wish to observe, they are to file a motion with the court, notice of hearing date, and service on the other party, and a schedule will be established.
6. Child support will not be suspended or reduced for periods of companionship. If a non-residential parent is more than thirty (30) minutes late from the scheduled time, the visitation period for that weekend will be canceled and not made up.
7. The child is to be returned with all personal property that is sent on the companionship. The child is to be sent with appropriate clothing including coats for the period of companionship.

8. During periods of companionship, the non-residential parent will assure that the child attends all school, athletic, social, religious, medical, dental and optical appointments and activities providing the residential parent provides notice of the same and the same was not scheduled purposely on the non-residential parent's weekend.

9. Wednesday Week-Day Companionship:

(A) For the Non-Residential Parent During the School Period: Every Wednesday during the school year, the non-residential parent will visit from Wednesday evening from 4:30 PM or after work until 8:00 PM, and insure that all homework is done. The Wednesday companionship will continue through Christmas and Spring breaks provided that the Wednesday does not fall on a holiday or special day listed in paragraph number four.

(B) During the Summer Vacation Period: During the period that the children are with a parent for summer vacation, the other parent (the 'visiting parent') will have companionship rights every Wednesday from 9 AM to 9 PM. The visiting parent will have the option to pick-up the child after work provided one-week's written notice is given. This will not apply if the child is away on vacation out of the area. The visiting parent will be responsible to see that the children attends all school, athletic, social, religious, medical, dental and optical appointments and activities.

(C) In the event the Wednesday Companionship conflicts with another schedule on this standard order, the other schedule for holiday or other companionship will control.

10. IF THE DISTANCES BETWEEN THE CUSTODIAN AND NON-CUSTODIAN'S HOME PROHIBIT THE ALTERNATE WEEK-END SCHEDULE, THEN THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WILL CONTROL:

- A) The summer companionship schedule of paragraph number 3 will apply.
- B) For good cause shown the court will entertain a modification of the summer vacation period.
- C) Each party will pay for the transportation of the child to them for the summer vacation period.
- D) The non-residential parent will visit and exercise companionship from December 26 to and including January 1, with the non-residential parent providing all of the expense for the transportation.
- E) The non-residential parent may at the non-residential parent's expense may exercise such other holiday or other companionship provided in paragraphs 2, 4 through 7 above PROVIDED thirty (30) day notice is given, at the expense of the non-residential parent.
- F) The non-residential parent in cases of long distance visitation shall not have companionship as per paragraphs 1 and 8 above. If however the child will be in the vicinity of the non-residential parent, then the non-residential parent will be given the opportunity to spend time with the children.

11. Medical Emergency: In the event of a medical emergency, the parent with the child will advise the other parent at the earliest opportunity and the child's regular doctor will be used if possible. If the child needs to take medication, the residential parent will provide the same together with instructions for use. The medication will be returned after the companionship. If illness precludes companionship, the parent will be permitted to visit the child either at home or in the hospital.

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13. In the event the parties have split custody, then the companionship schedule will be arranged so that the children are together for weekends, summer, holidays and special days. The party who has custody of the youngest child will be considered residential parent for purposes of alternating the summer periods, and holiday-special day schedules.

14. FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILDREN, THE TRUMBULL COUNTY DOMESTIC COURT AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENT UPON MOTION DULY FILED AND DULY SERVED, TOGETHER WITH NOTICE OF HEARING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THE ABOVE SCHEDULES.

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