

## RULE 21.11, RULES OF COURT

### COMPANIONSHIP SCHEDULE ROSS COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT (For Long Distance Travel - Over 150 Miles One Way)

Companionship is a time for children to do things with the parent they do not live with. Activities you can do with them or skills you can teach them help the time be rewarding. Helping the children find friends in your neighborhood also helps make it like home for them.

Liberal visitation arrangements are encouraged, as contact with both parents is important to the children. Specific items in the Journal Entry take precedence over this schedule. Changes or modifications can be made by the Court if need for such is shown.

#### AT SUCH TIMES AND PLACES AS THE PARTIES MAY AGREE.

#### THIS WILL NOT NORMALLY BE LESS THAN:

1. Christmas: Christmas vacation, excluding Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, will be divided in half and alternated annually, by half, between the parties. Additionally, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day shall be alternated annually between the parents.
2. Spring Break: School vacation (the Friday school is out to the day before school recommences, to be coincidental with the days of the school vacation and not to interfere with school) in odd-numbered years or the Saturday before Easter to the Saturday after Easter for pre-schoolers with no school-aged siblings.
3. Alternative Holiday Plan: Those who wish more frequent contact, and who develop a plan to pay for the transportation, can have half of Easter vacation, half the summer, alternative-year Thanksgiving, and half of the Christmas vacation each year. The holidays themselves must be alternated, as the parties agree, or Easter and Thanksgiving in odd-numbered years and Christmas in the even-numbered years for the non-residential parent.
4. Summer: One half of the school summer vacation. Summer school necessary to the child(ren) to pass to the next grade must be attended. The residential parent shall notify the non-residential parent by March 15 of the when the summer vacation begins and ends. The non-residential parent must notify the residential parent as to their intentions by April 15.
  - a. If the parties cannot agree which half of the summer they prefer, in the even-numbered years, the first half of the summer shall be spent at the non-residential home, and in the odd-numbered years, the second half.
  - b. The children must be allowed to communicate, by telephone, one time per week, with both parents, regardless of with whom the child is currently residing. Both parents shall permit no less than one half hour conversations. The calling party shall bear the expense. The children may call either parent, collect, at any and all reasonable times as he or she wishes.
  - c. A general itinerary should be provided either parent if more than 2 days will be spent away from either home when the children are in that parent's care.
5. Vacations: Each parent may arrange an uninterrupted vacation of not more than two weeks with the children. A general itinerary of the vacation shall be provided for the other parent, including dates, locations, addresses and telephone numbers.
  - a. Vacation is defined as a trip away from the parents' home. It does not include a parents' vacation time off from work where that parent spends time at home.
  - b. Summer school necessary for the child to pass to the next grade must be attended.

6. Additional Visitation:
  - a. Weekend: A once-a-month, weekend visit to the non-residential home will be permitted if the child's traveling time does not exceed three hours one way. The residential parent must be notified at least one week in advance.
  - b. Father's Day and Mother's Day can always be spent with the appropriate parent.
  - c. The non-residential parent shall notify the residential parent at least two days in advance of any time the non-residential parent will be in the area and wants a visitation period. Absent extraordinary circumstances, this visitation shall occur.
  - d. The residential parent must notify the non-residential parent of at least two days in advance when the residential parent and child(ren) will be in the area of the non-residential parent and visitation must be allowed.
7. Transportation: Responsibility for transportation costs should be decided in advance and a plan written into an Order of the Court. The costs of transportation, in the appropriate case, may be a basis for deviation from the child support schedule.
8. Moving: Upon either parent learning or determining, whichever first occurs, that he/she will be moving, he/she shall immediately notify the other parent except in those circumstances wherein notice is not required by R.C. 3109.051(G) and provide the other parent with the moving date, new residence address and telephone number, and such other pertinent information necessary to effectuate a smooth move for the children. The parents shall attempt, in good faith, to renegotiate an appropriate and beneficial new companionship schedule. But if they are unable to do so, the non-residential parent shall, at a minimum, enjoy the existing companionship schedule for distances under three hours or the long distance companionship for distances longer than three hours, including the sharing of physical and monetary costs of transportation and telephone expenses until a Court order modifying companionship is entered.
9. Access to Records: The non-residential parent shall have access to all medical, dental, optometric, psychiatric and psychological records of the minor children and may consult with any treating physician, dentist or other health care provider to the children. The residential parent shall execute any authorizations or releases necessary to release these records and documents to the non-residential parent. Each parent shall notify each other of any health problems of the children. The non-residential parent shall have the same access as the residential parent to the children's school records. The non-residential parent shall have the right to participate in parent-teacher conferences, school trips, school programs, and other school events in which parents are invited to participate. The parent receiving the grade card shall give a copy to the other parent within 3 days of receipt.
10. Current Address and Telephone number: Each parent must keep the other informed of his/her current address and telephone number at all times.
11. Modification: This schedule can be changed or modified by the Court if need for such is shown.
12. Car Seat: For any and all children required by law to ride in a car seat, the parents shall transfer the car seat with the child as visitation changes occur.
13. Clothing: The residential parent parent is responsible for providing sufficient appropriate clean clothing for every companionship period, based on the lifestyle of the residential parent and child. If the planned companionship activities require special or unusual clothing needs, the non-residential parent must notify the residential parent at least two (2) days in advance of the companionship period. IF the child does not have the type of clothing requested, the residential parent is under no obligation to comply with the request. All clothing sent by the residential parent must be returned immediately after the companionship period. The non-residential parent is not required to return the clothing washed and cleaned, unless the residential parent has companionship with the children for a period in excess of four (4) days. Additionally, any clothing purchased by the non-

residential parent and which the children are wearing upon their return to the residential parent to the non-residential parent after companionship, shall be returned by the residential parent to the non-residential parent at the next companionship period. IF the next companionship period is longer than seven (7) days, then the clothing returned to the non-residential parent must be washed and cleaned.